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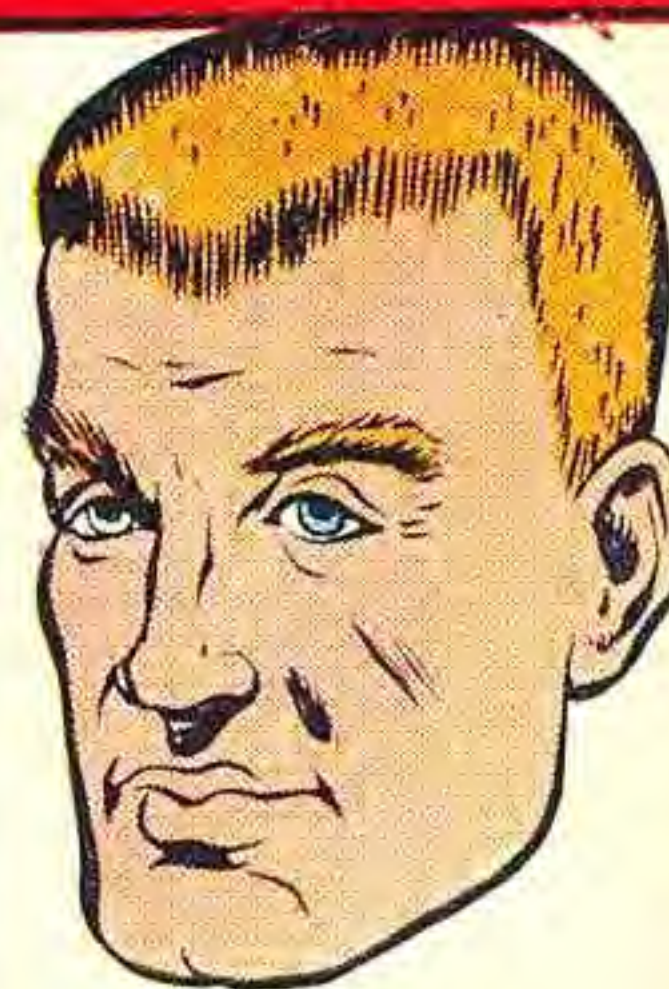
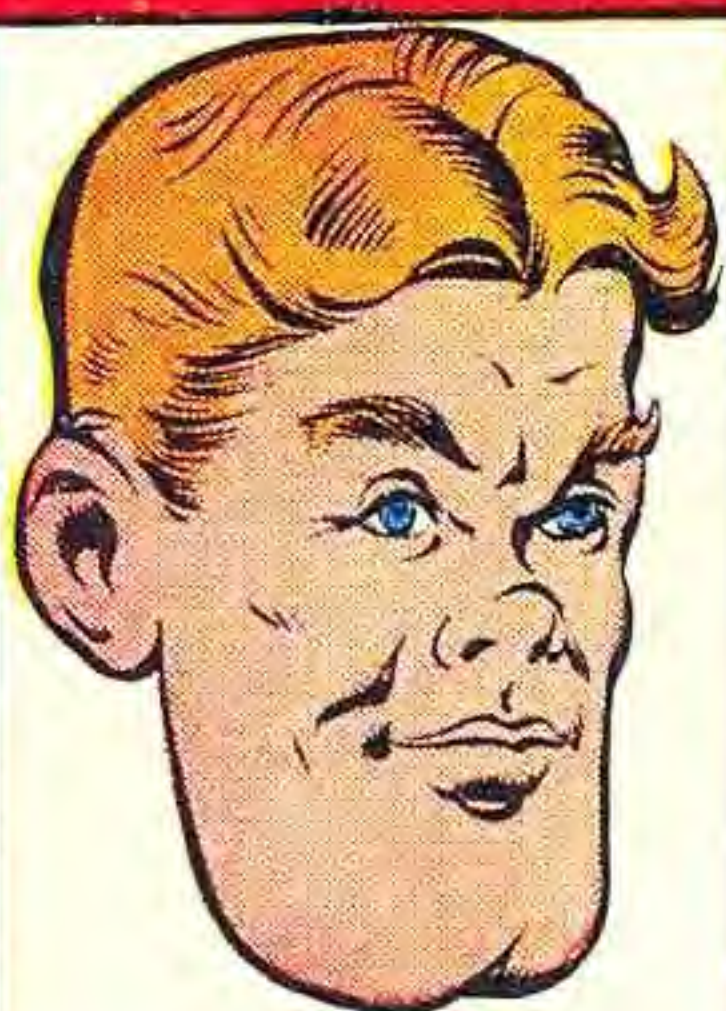
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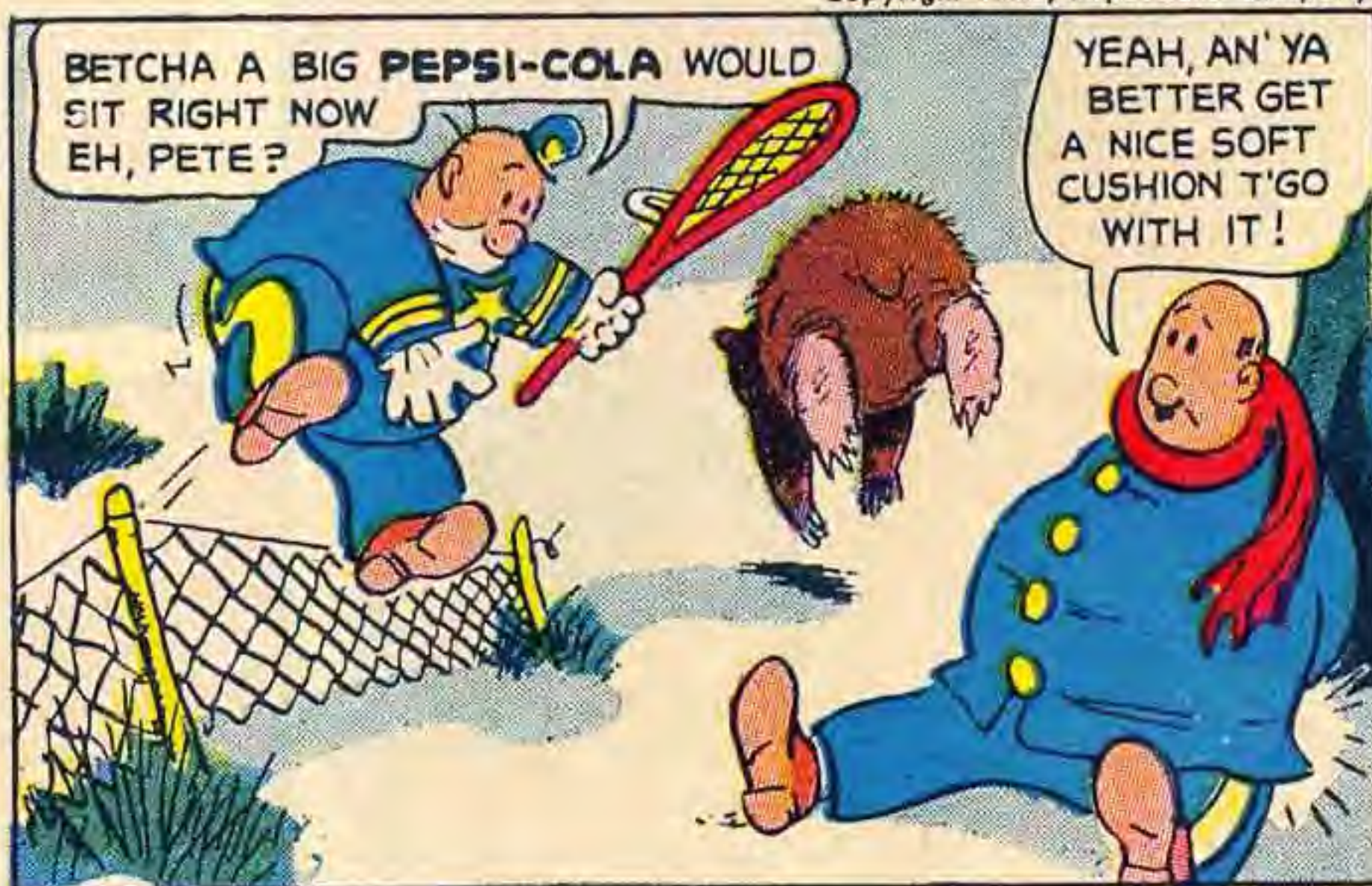
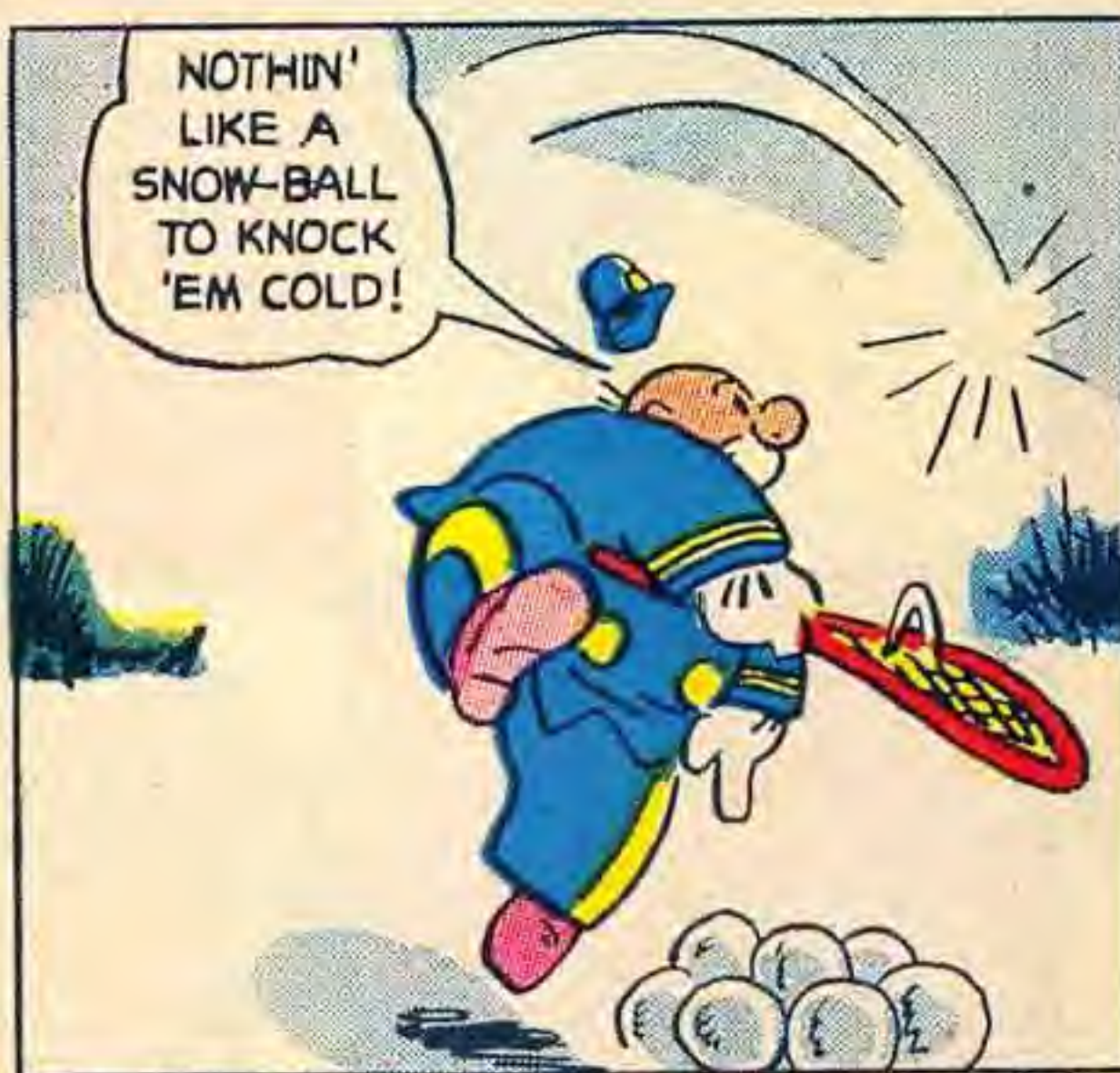
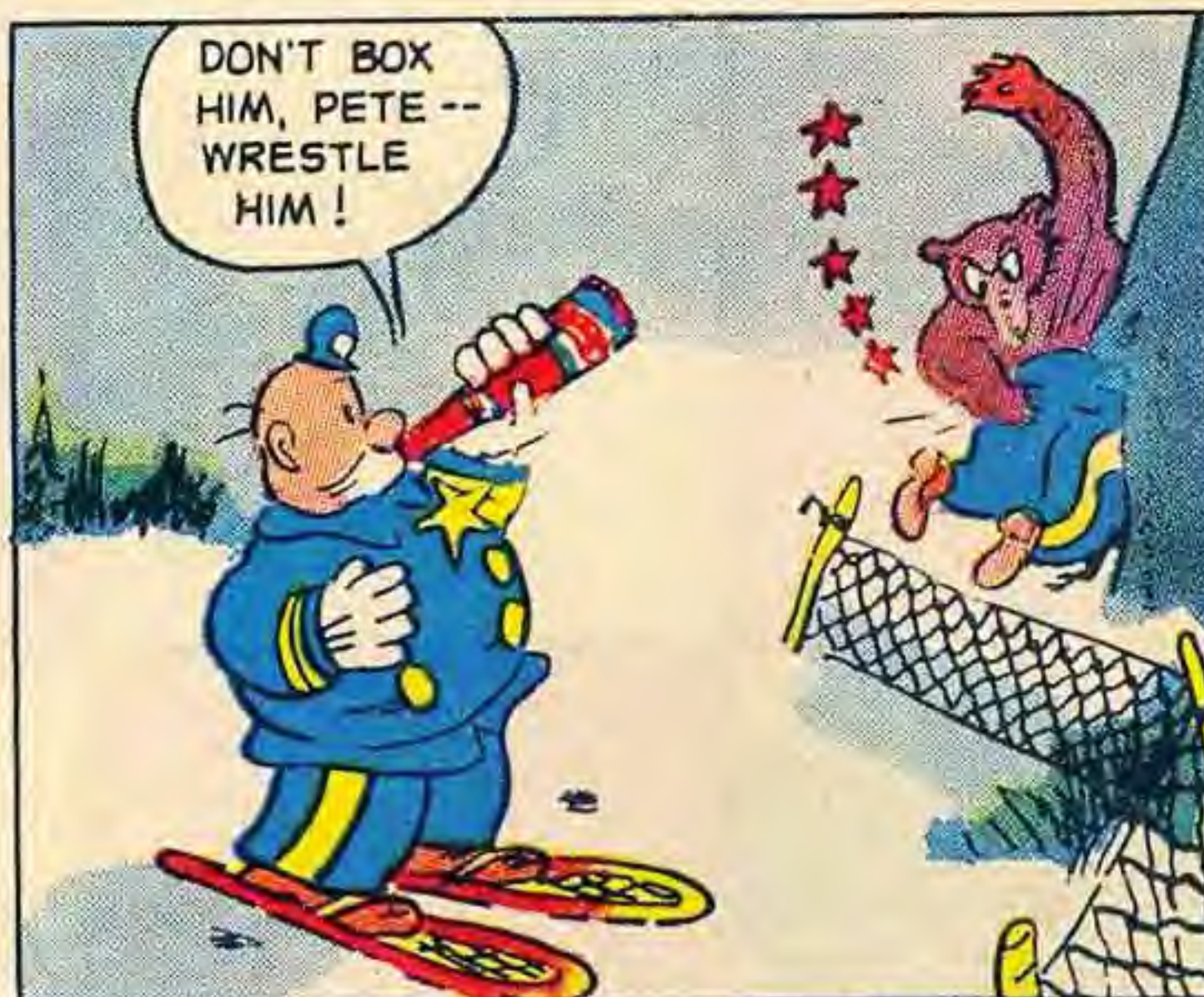
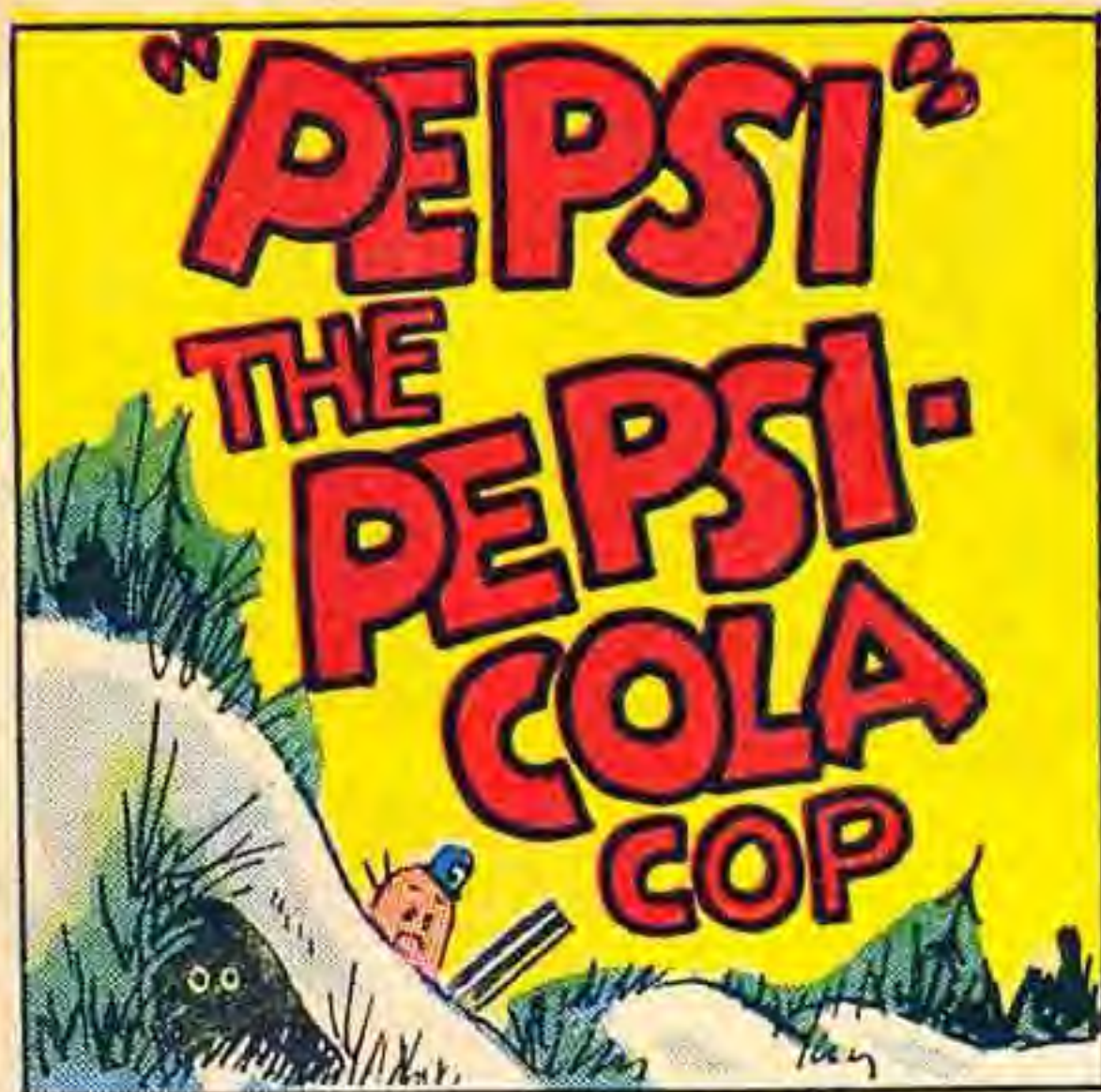
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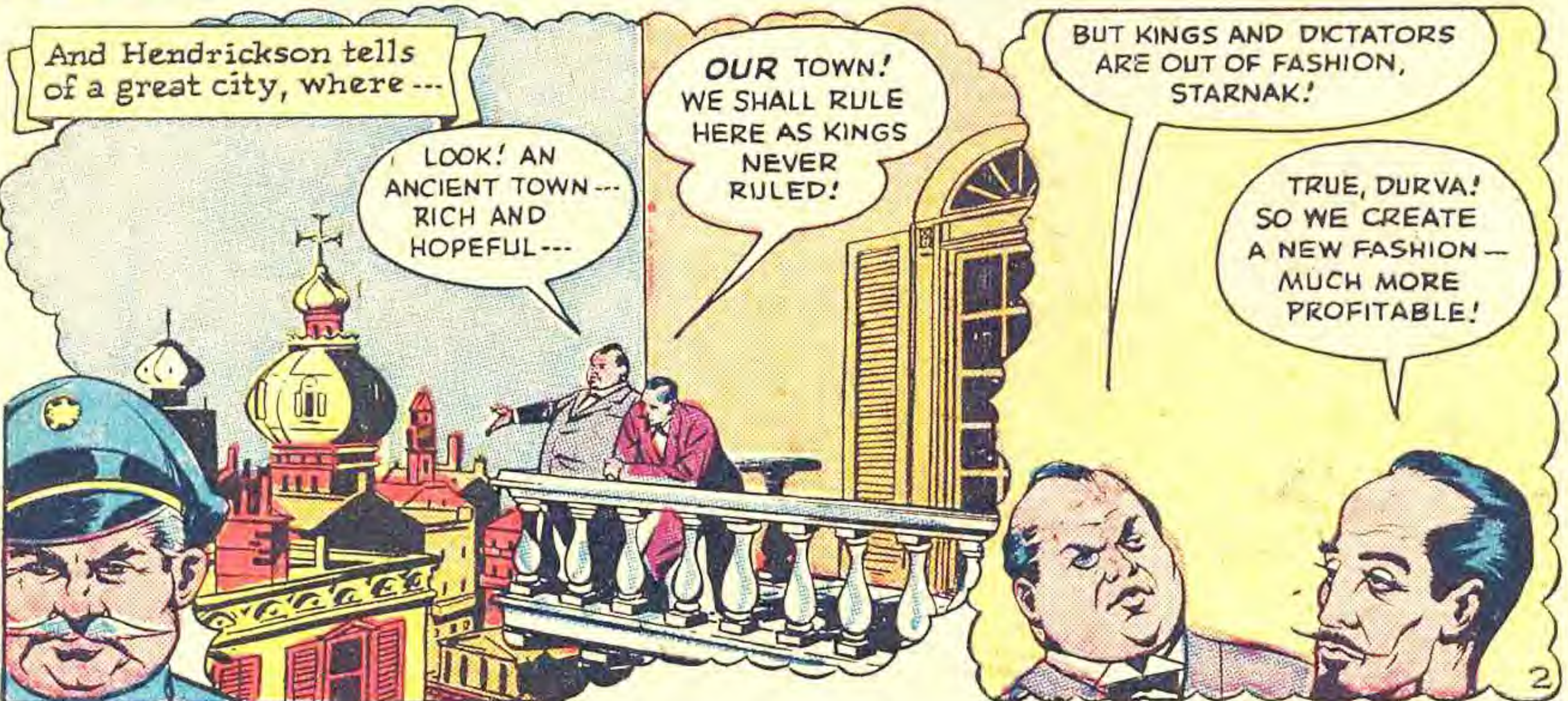
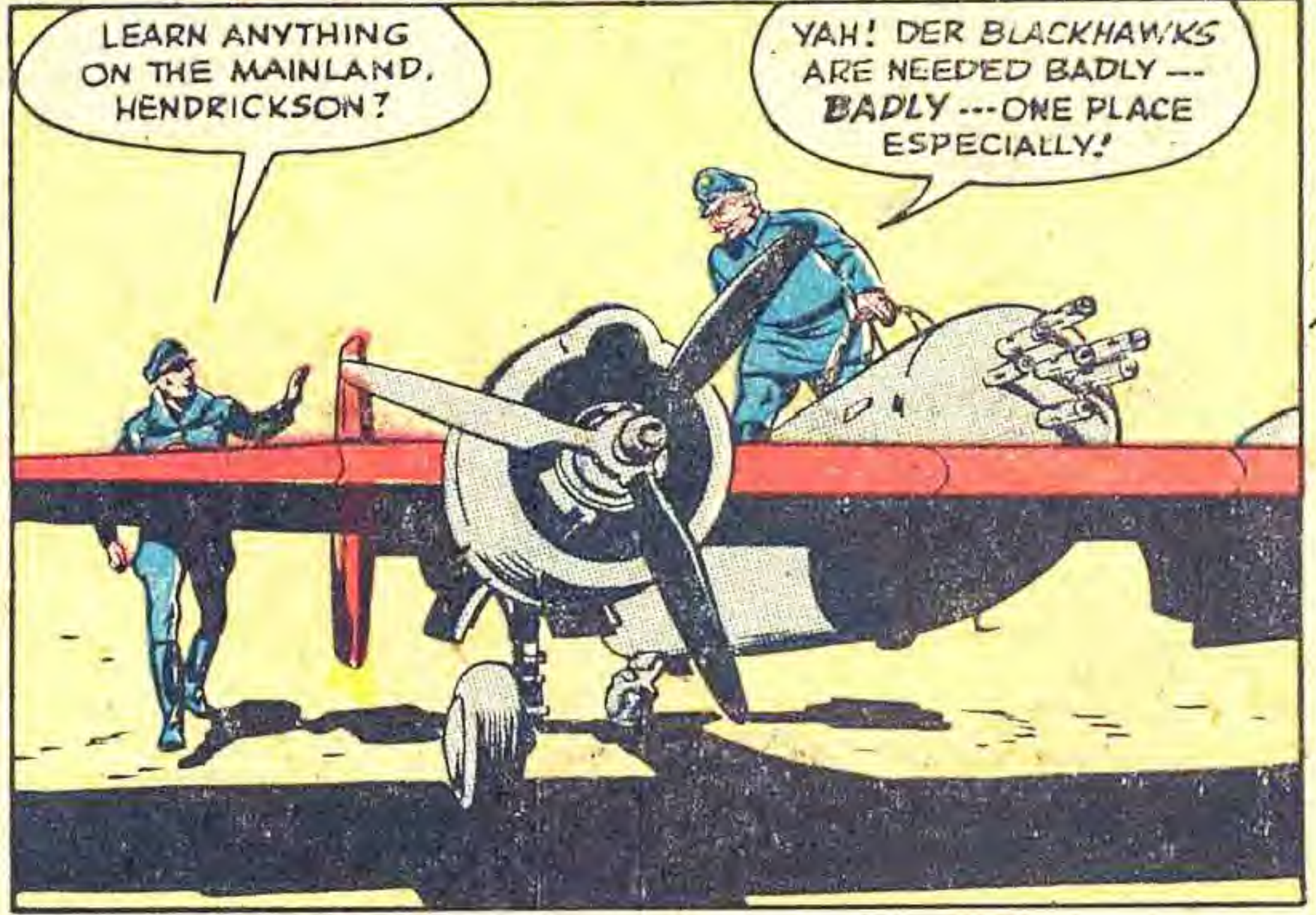


Land, sea, or in the air, 
They are victors everywhere
...They're
BLACKHAWKS!

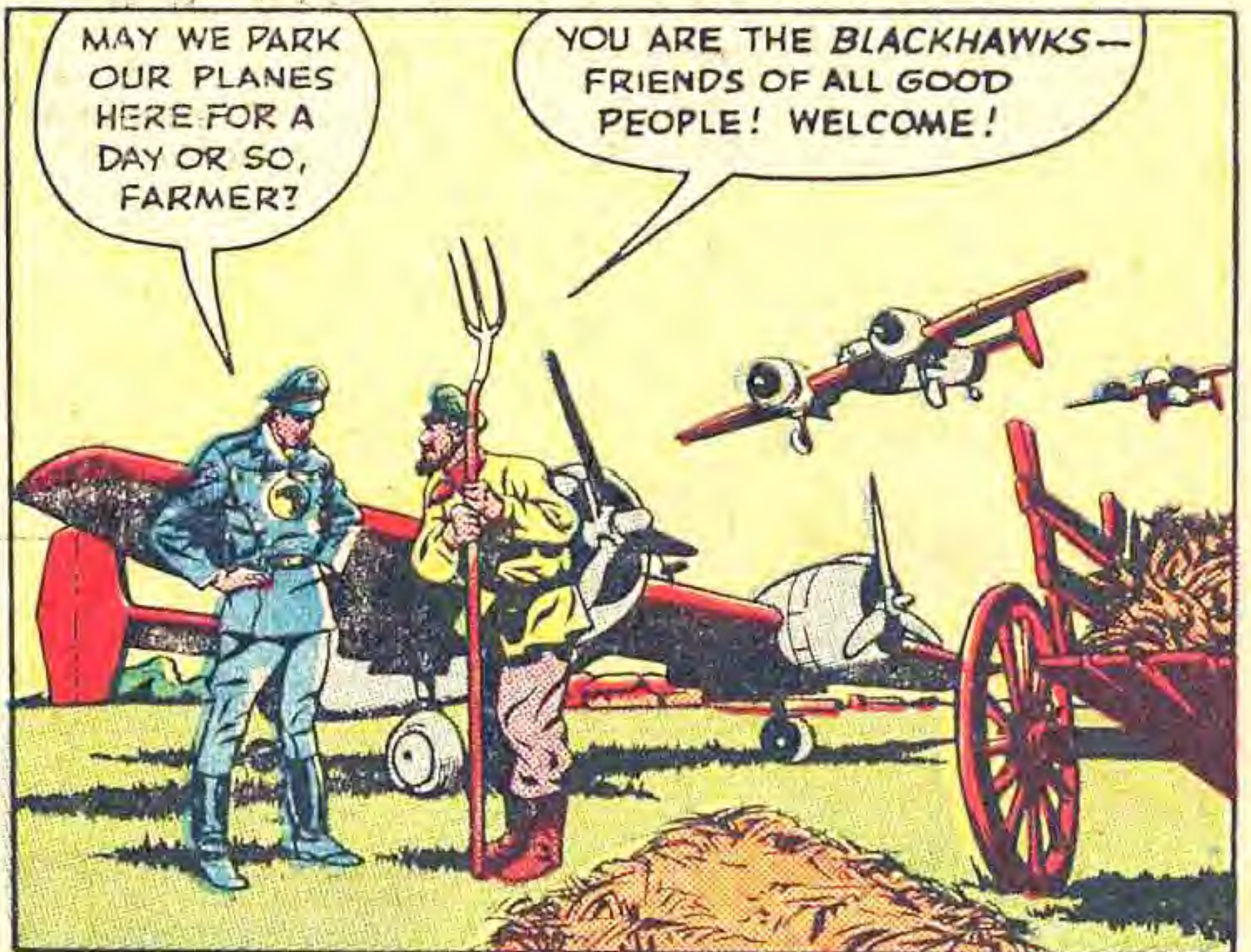
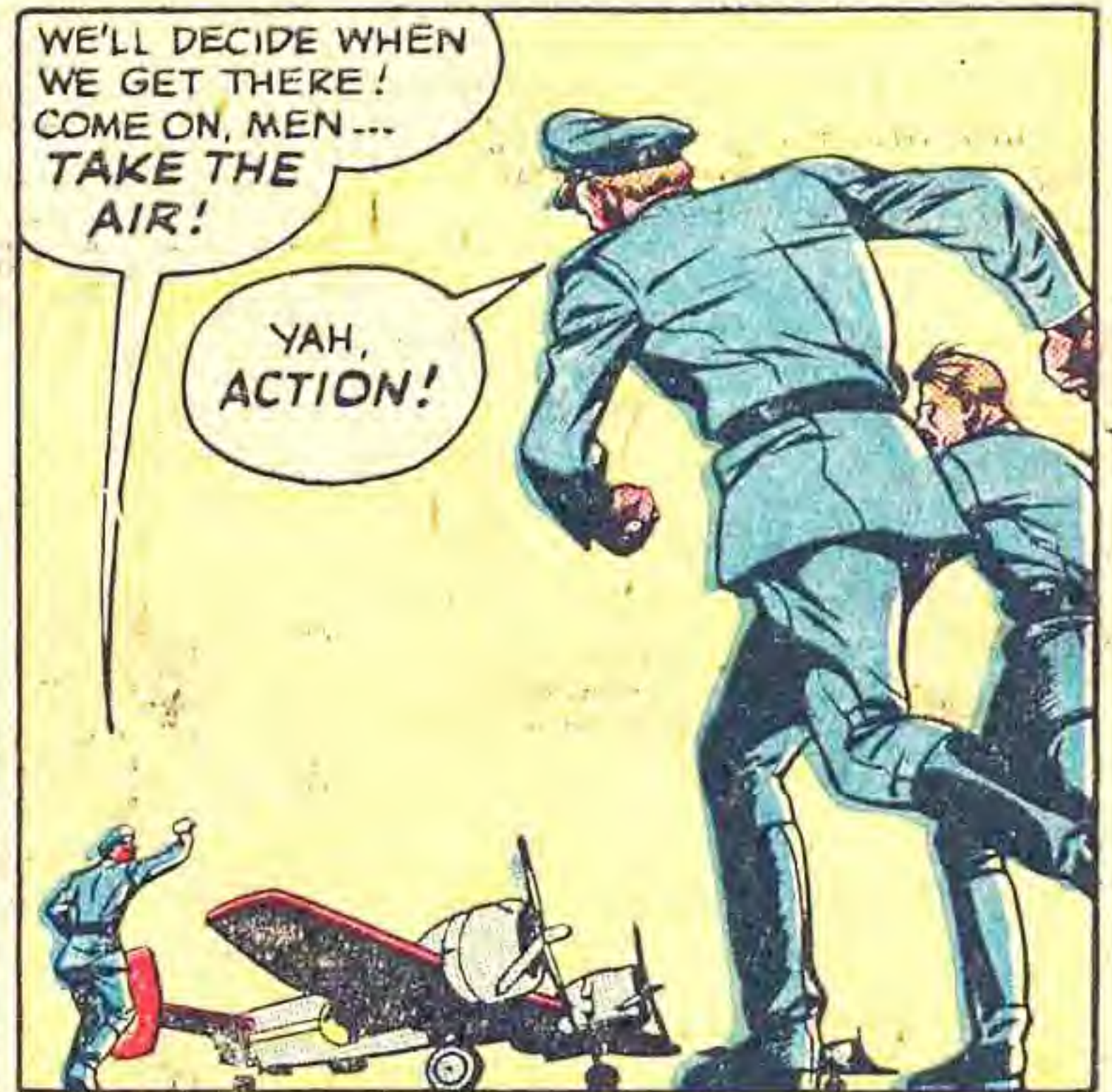
*The singing, smashing
handful of heroes from
the free nations of the
world go on with the war
on evil that has **NO**
TRUCE until the last
champion of cruelty and
deceit has perished!*

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All seems peaceful at BLACKHAWK ISLAND, where fighters for right and freedom draw a breath between adventures....



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Early rumors of prosperity are heard in the city ---



I AM GLAD TO TELL YOU, CITIZENS, THAT STARNAK'S MONEY AND DIRECTION IS INCREASING OUR BUSINESS ACTIVITY --- MAKING OUR TOWN RICH!

And Starnak promises other things ---



YES, I HAVE MADE AN EARLY PROFIT ON WATER POWER --- THAT MONEY GOES BACK INTO DEVELOPING THIS COMMUNITY!

WE ARE HONORED TO SELL YOU A SHARE IN THE ASSOCIATED BUSINESSES, STARNAK!

HE'S GONE, DURVA! WE'RE TAKING OVER CONTROL OF ONE BUSINESS AFTER ANOTHER!



WHO HOLDS THE MONEY, HOLDS THE RULING POSITION!

BUT OFFICIALS ARE HONEST! WE CANNOT BRIBE THEM!



THAT IS WHY WE BROUGHT OUR OWN FRIENDS HERE! HELP THEM GET APPOINTED TO POLICE BUREAUS, CLERKSHIPS, AS CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARIES ---



But at night, strangers come to town ---



DOT VINDOW --- STARNAK'S HEADQUARTERS!

WAIT WHILE I GO IN TO INTERVIEW HIM!

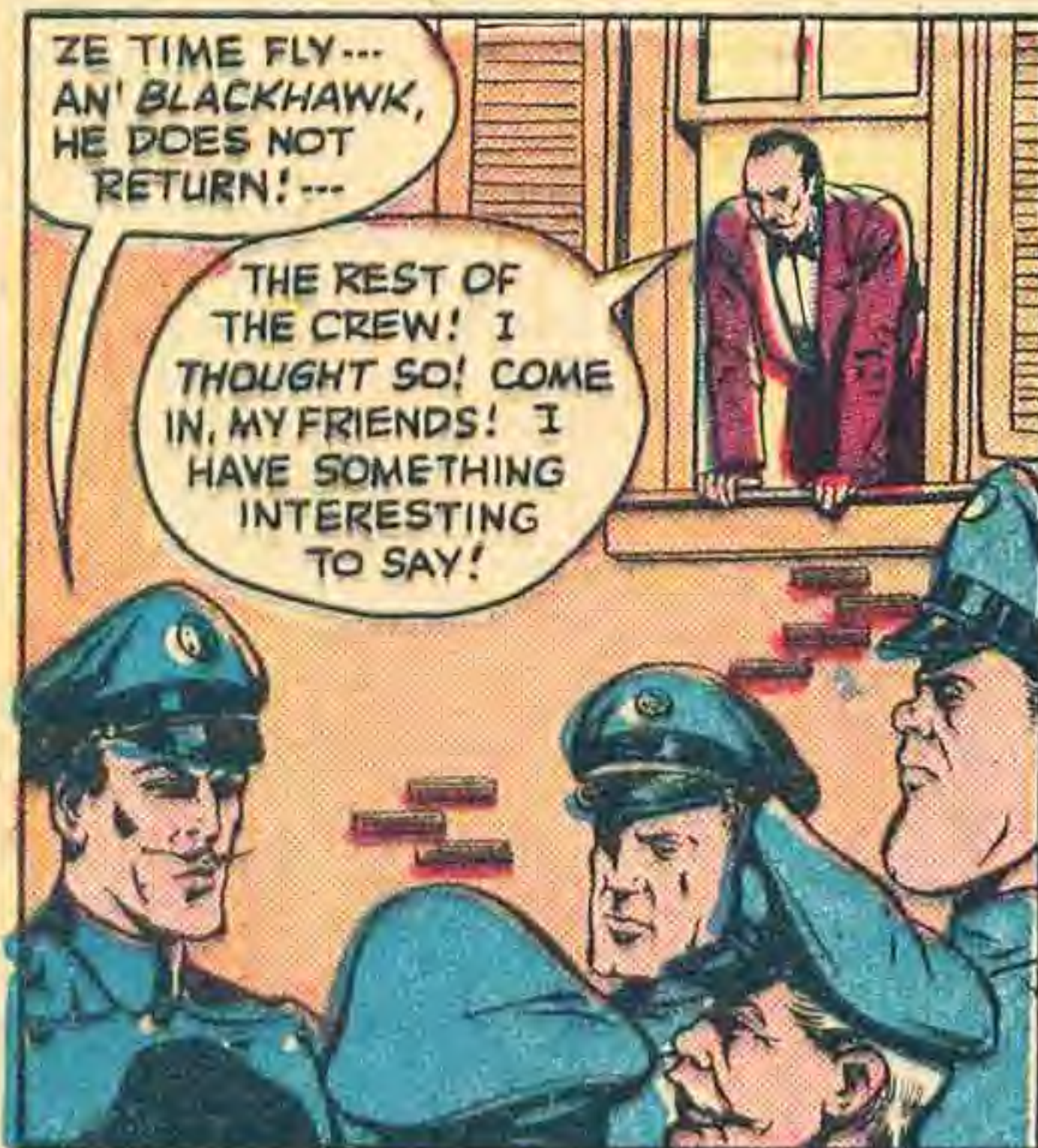
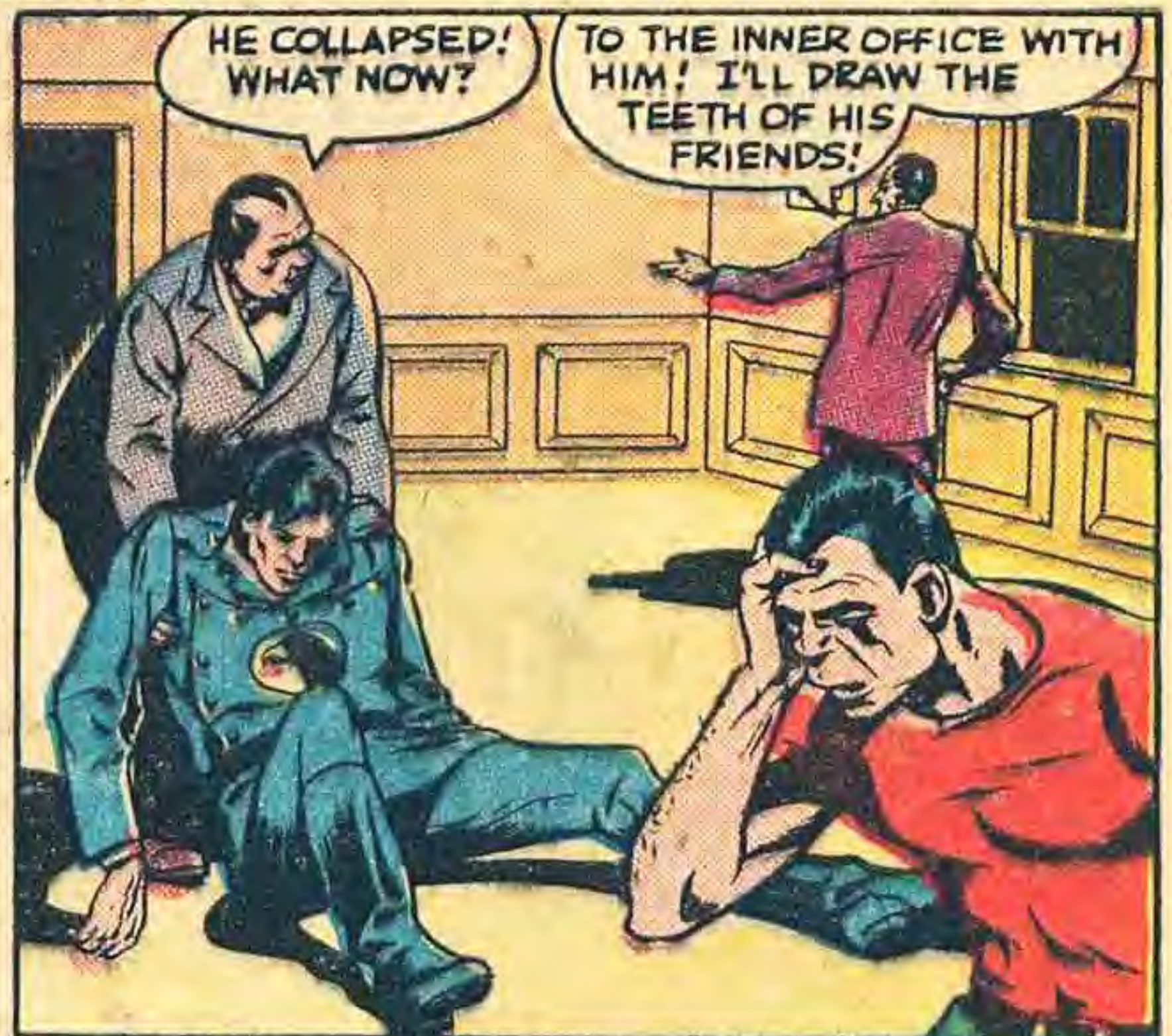
WHO'S COMING IN WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT?



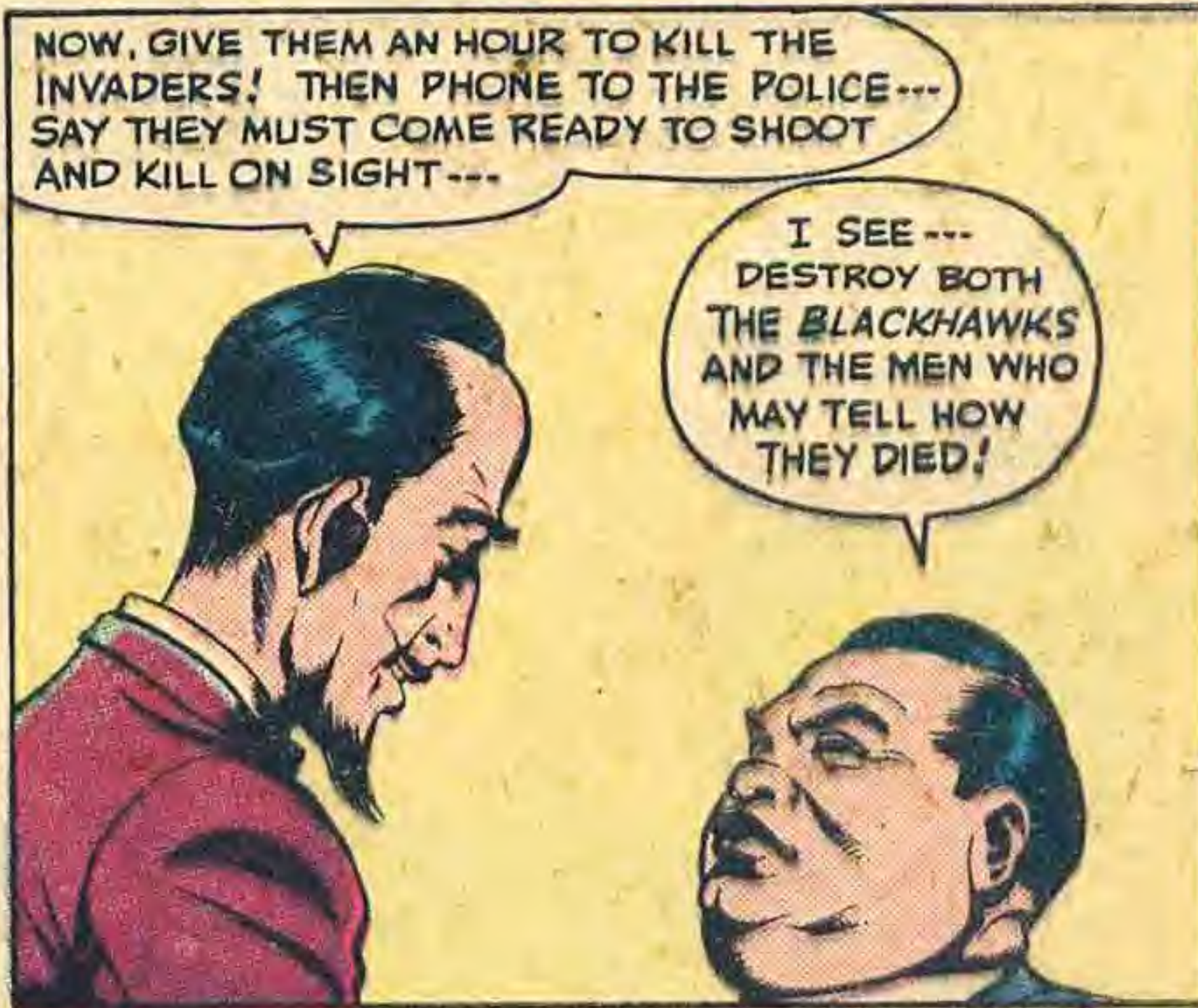
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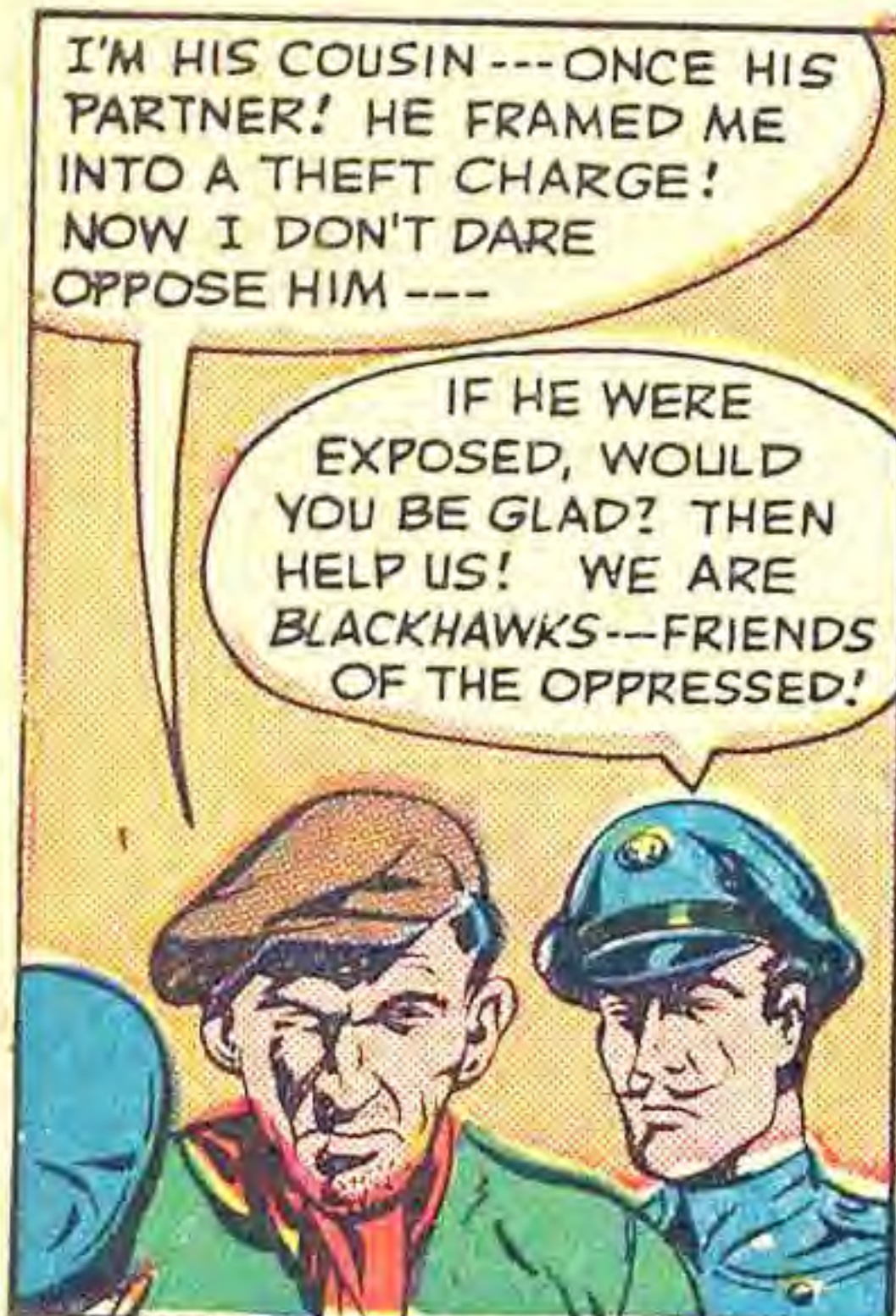
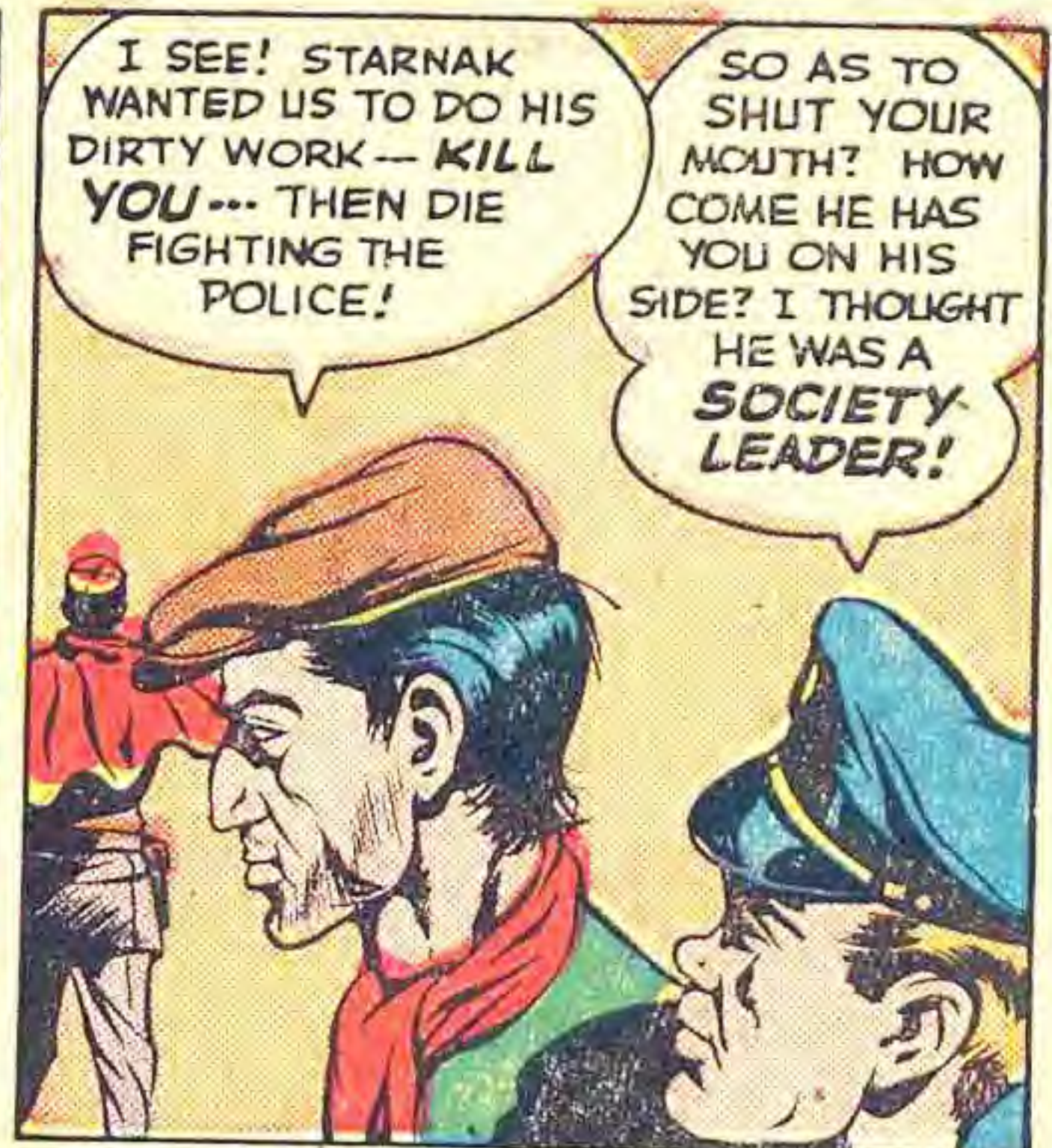




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ONCE WE GET POWER HERE, NO OUTSIDERS DARE CHALLENGE US — FOR FEAR WE WILL DESTROY THAT **BELOVED** FRIEND OF THEIRS WE HOLD PRISONER!

SHEER GENIUS!



But, in the alley behind....

YOU DIG DEEP! WORK HARD!



STARNAK HAS MADE US WORK HARDER THAN THIS IN HIS UNDERHANDED SCHEMES!

YOUR FRIENDS! WILL THEY BE HONEST WITH US?

EVERY MAN IS FORCED TO CRIME BY STARNAK'S HOLD ON US! LOOK, THEY BREAK INTO THE CELLAR BEYOND!



HMMM! UNINVITED GUESTS! PREPARE TO FIRE!



GO TO SLEEP, YOU STRONG-ARM YERKS! OUT, FALLERS! WE GOT FREE GANGWAY!



GUARD THESE TWO GOONS, CHOP-CHOP! WE'LL TACKLE THE REST OF STARNAK'S PRIVATE MUSCLE GANG!

CAN DO! THEY MAKE SOUND, CHOP-CHOP MAKE HASH!



FIRE A GUN! --- WARN STARNAK!

MAIS NON! WE PLAN A SURPRISE PARTY FOR YOUR MONSIEUR STARNAK --- WE WANT NOTHING TO SPOIL ZE FUN!



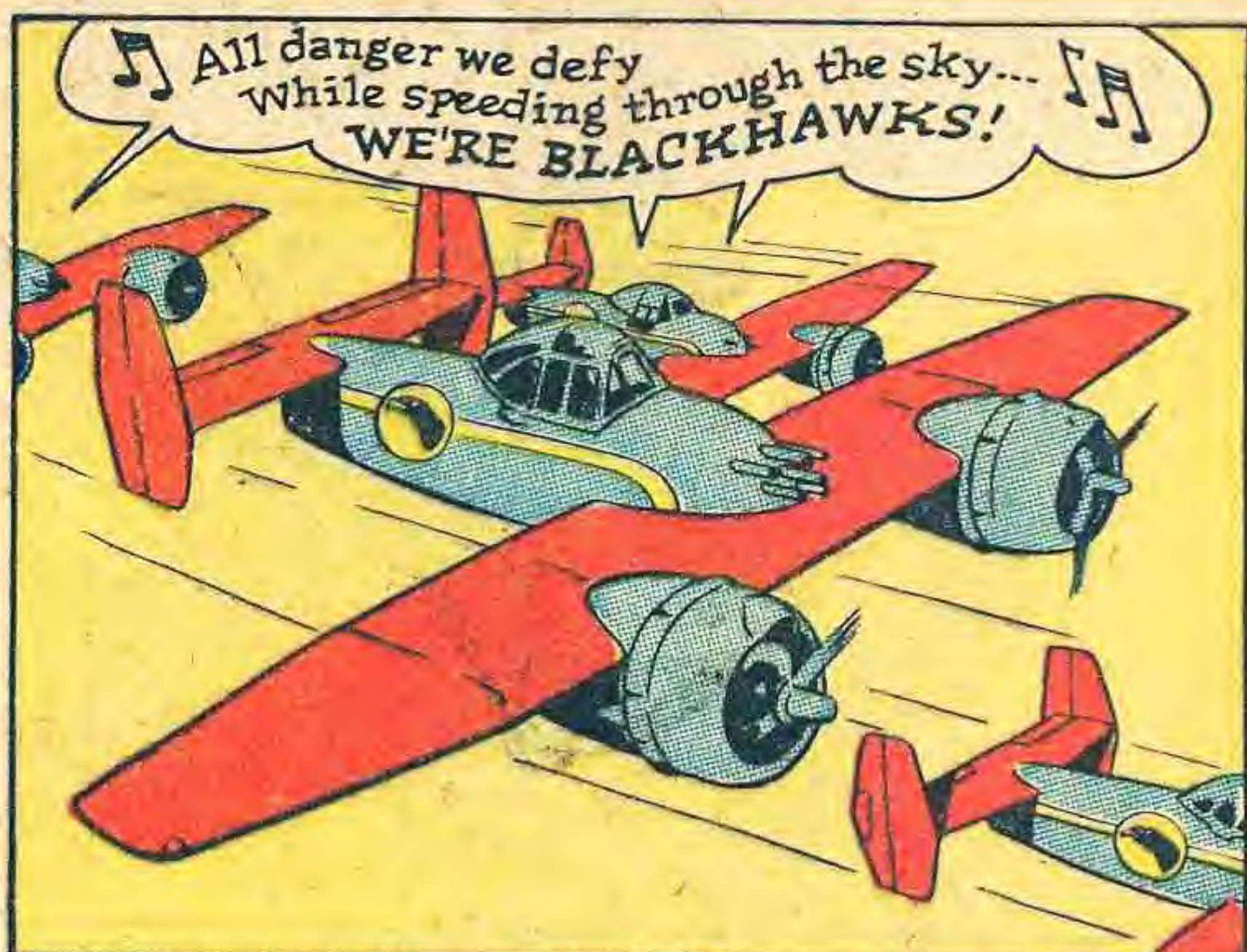
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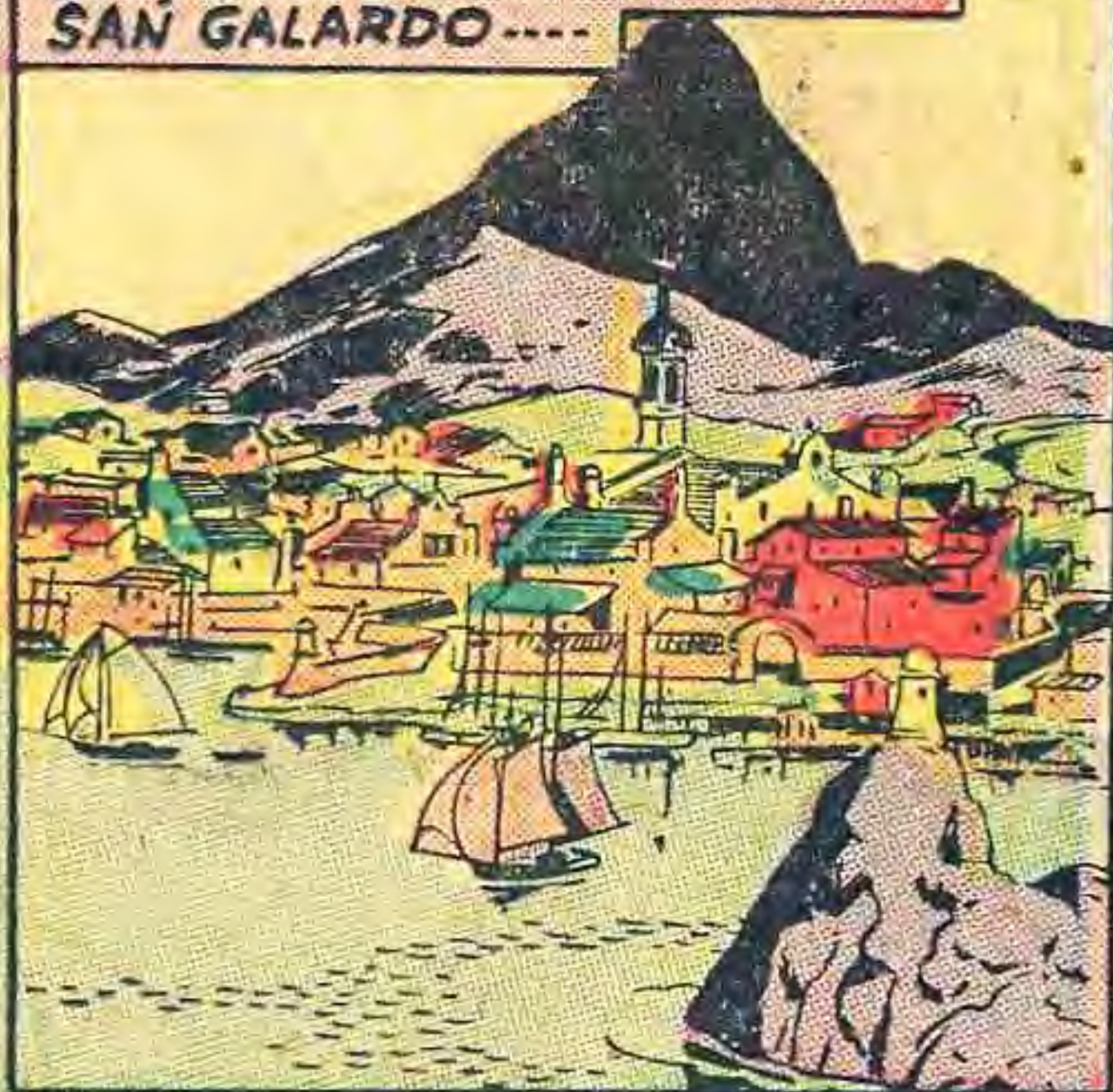
Blackhawk



Dropping down like
a fighting bird
upon evil comes
Blackhawk!

His prey is any cruel,
unjust, oppressing
foe of humanity!

Nothing is perfect on this earth... but near to perfection is the happy, simple life on the island of **SAN GALARDO**....



Greed and strife never seemed less threatening than on the Street of **EL BABARRO**....



But look closely at these foreigners!

SEE THIS CHUNK OF ORE? THERE'S **MILLIONS** TO BE MADE ON THIS ISLAND--THE NATIVES DON'T DREAM OF IT!

AND WHEN THEY WAKE UP, THEIR DREAMS WILL BE NIGHTMARES!



YOU'VE SENT CRAYLE THE CODE MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT WE'VE FOUND?

RIGHT! IN A WEEK WE'LL BE **KINGS** OF THIS PLACE--AND THE WHOLE POPULATION **SLAVING IN THE MINES** FOR US!



Within brief days, the San Galardo entertains an impressive guest....

A SHIP FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD, SEÑOR PRESIDENT! AND A BIG ONE!

I SHALL WELCOME ITS COMPANY MYSELF!



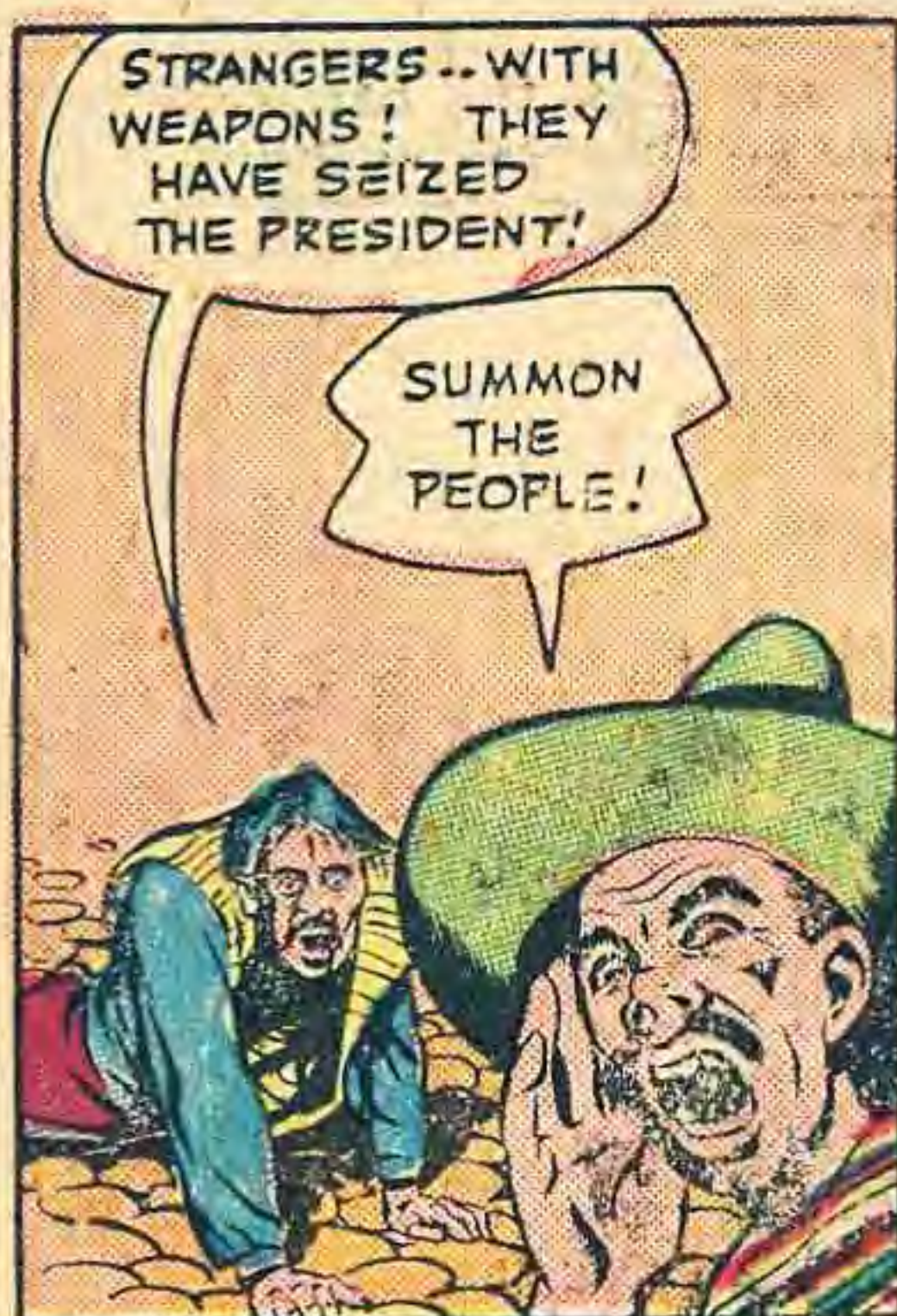
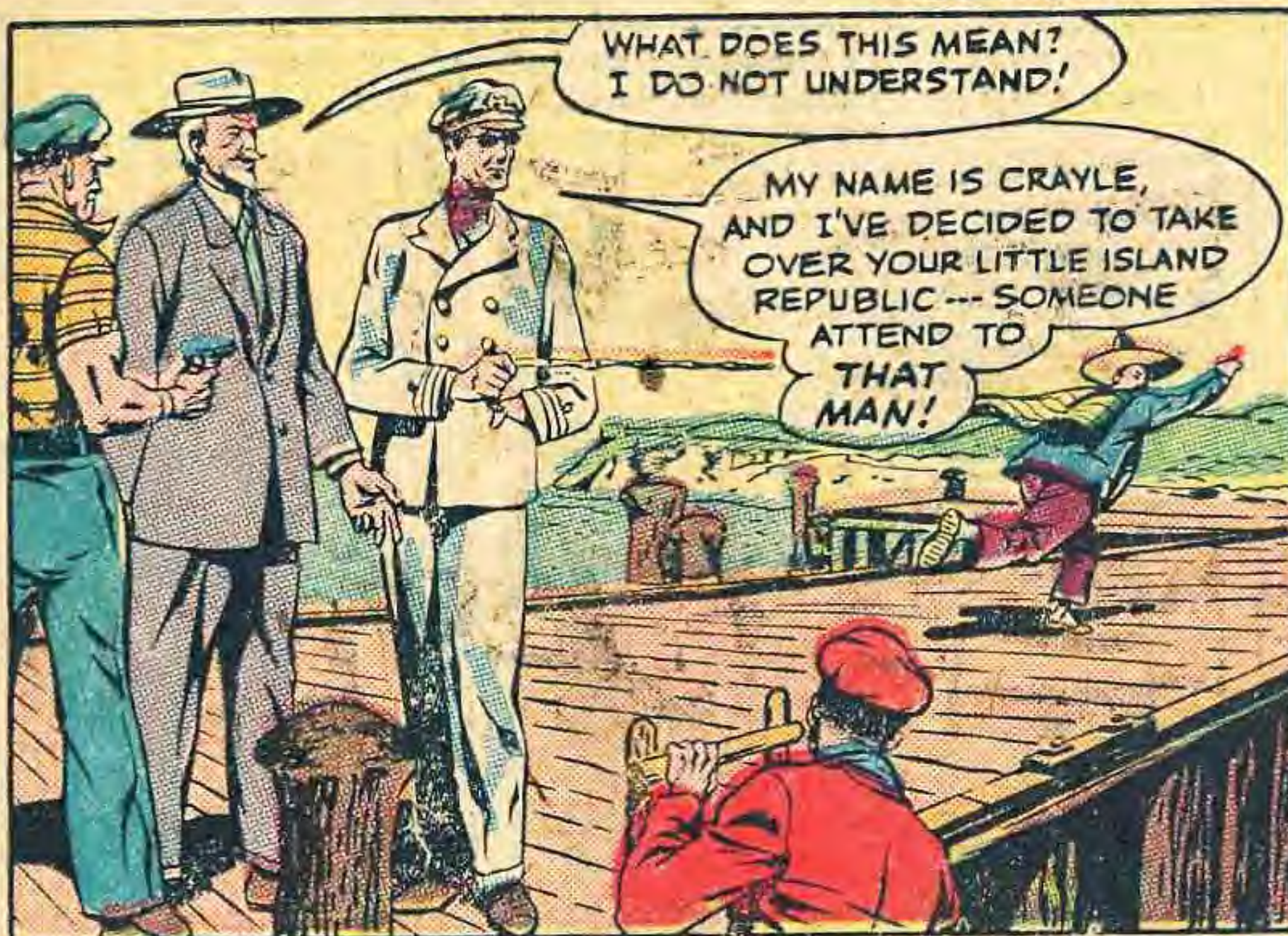
HERE COMES A BOAT! DO THE STRANGERS HONOR!



WELCOME, FRIENDS, TO SAN GALARDO...



THAT MUST BE THE PRESIDENT! GRAB HIM!



At the home of the president...

WHAT IS THAT NOISE OF GUNS?

ALAS, SEÑORITA ALMA! STRANGERS HAVE LANDED, CAPTURED YOUR FATHER, AND ARE KILLING THE PEOPLE!

YOU FLEE TO SAFETY, SEÑORITA?

NO -- TO GET HELP! ON THE MOUNTAIN IS A HERMIT WHO SAYS HE KNOWS HOW TO SUMMON --

--- THE BLACKHAWKS!

YES, I HAVE HEARD OF THE DANGER! UP THIS MOUNTAIN IS A CRYSTAL ROCK THAT WILL FLASH AFAR!

SO -- THE SIGNAL ROCK CATCHES THE SUN!

The flash is seen on Crayle's raiding ship

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY SIGNALLING ON THAT MOUNTAIN!

WE'LL GIVE 'EM A SHELL, JUST FOR LUCK!

CRASH!

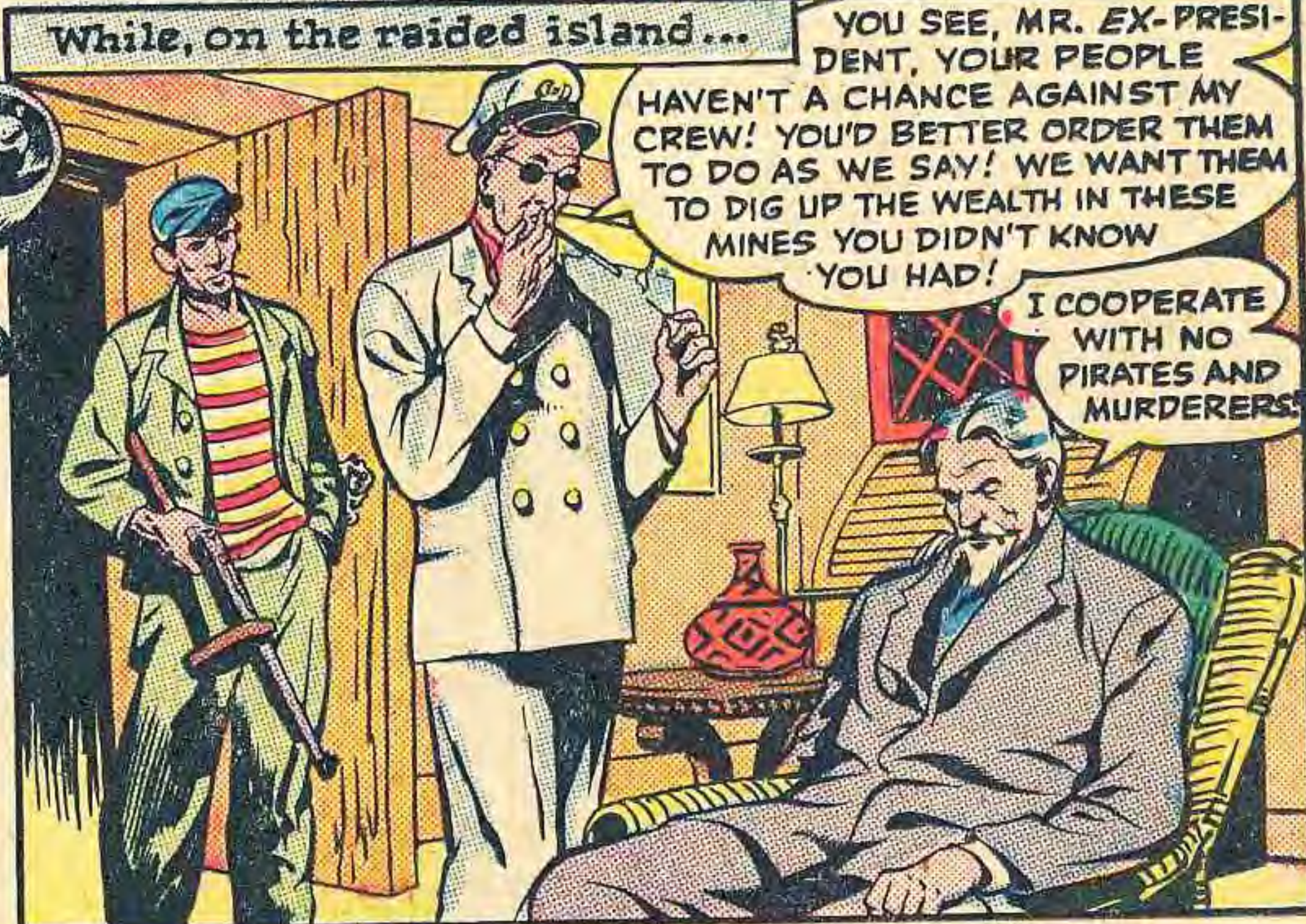
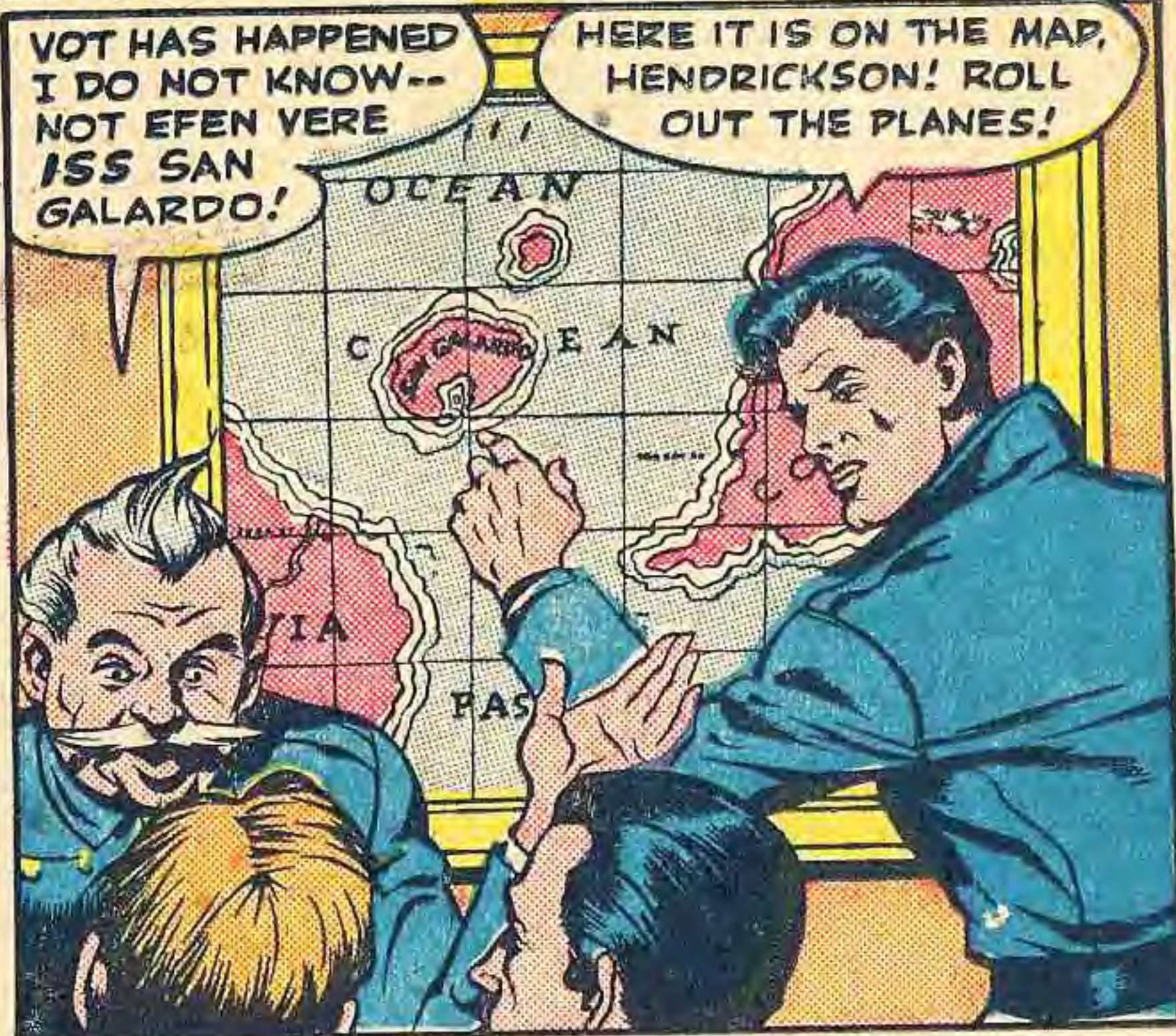
MORE DESTRUCTION! WHAT WILL BECOME OF US?

But the brief glare has been seen on the faraway mainland....

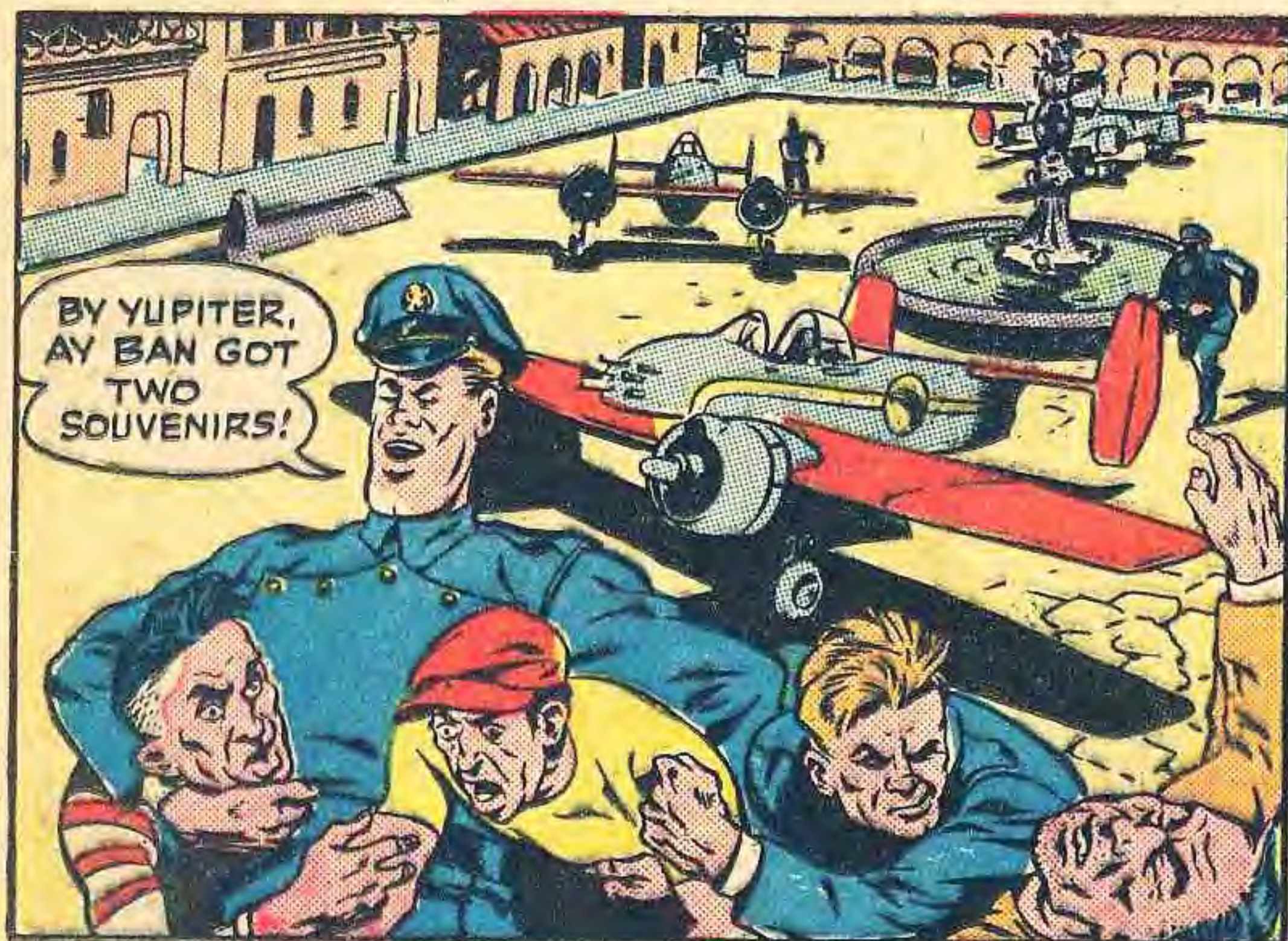
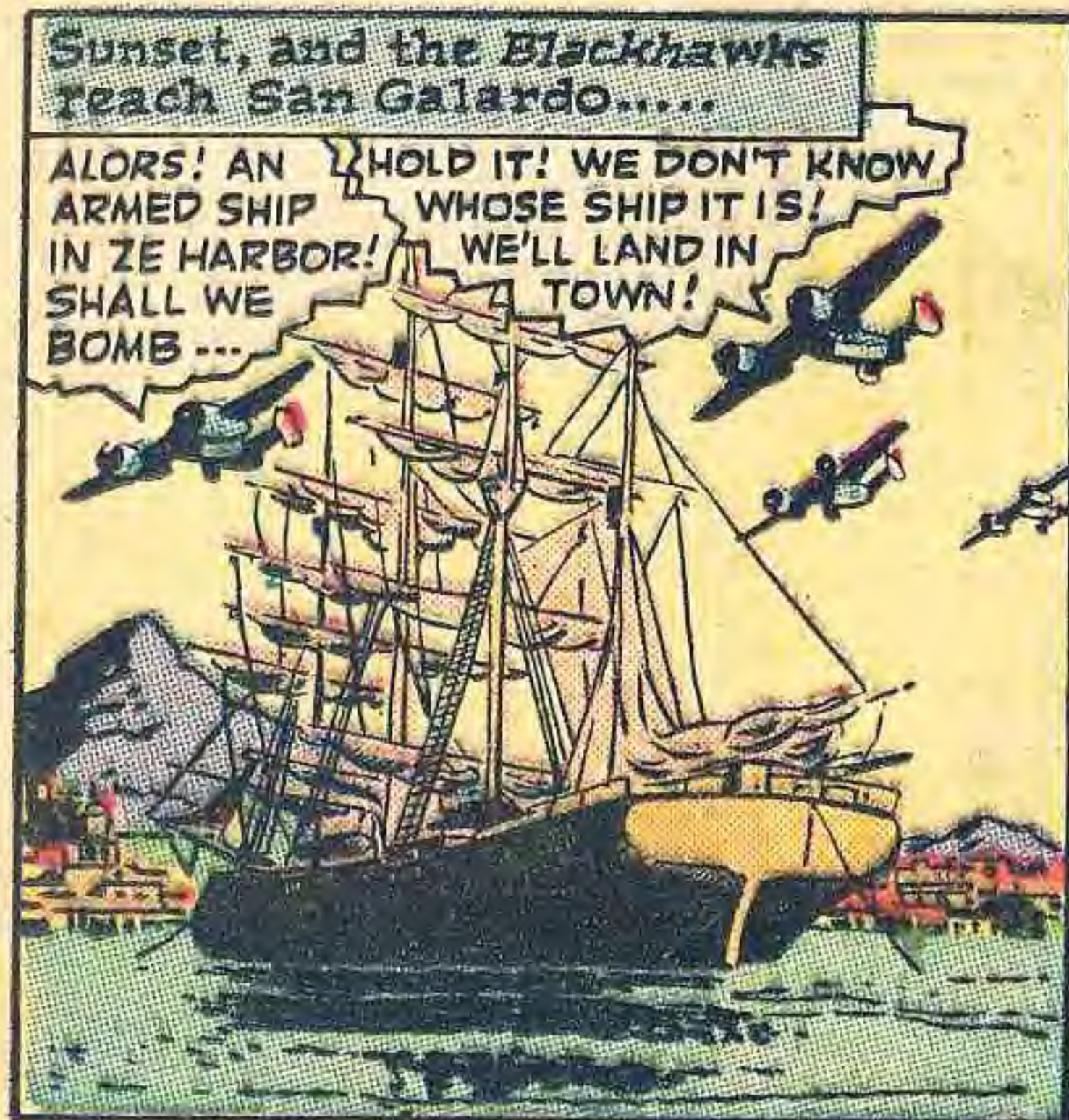
I'LL GO TO THE RADIO SHACK -- CONTACT BLACKHAWK!

THE DISTRESS SIGNAL!

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MAIS OUI!
I AM ANDRÉ, OF
ZE BLACKHAWKS!
AND YOU,
MADEMOISELLE

I AM ALMA,
DAUGHTER OF THE
CAPTURED PRESIDENT
OF SAN GALARDO! THE
RAIDERS HAVE
LOCKED ME
UP HERE!



THE BARS ARE
STRONG,
SEÑOR!

AND SO
AM I! MY
FIRST DEED
WILL BE TO
RESCUE
YOU!



Meanwhile...

THERE IS STILL THEIR
DEVIL LEADER, CRAYLE--
YONDER IN THE
PRESIDENT'S
HOUSE!

WE'LL FINISH THE
JOB BY CALLING ON
HIM! LOCK THESE
SWINE UP AND
COME ALONG!



I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE
CHANCE TO COOPERATE BEFORE
I KILL ----- WHO'S INTERRUPTING
OUT THERE?

BLACKHAWK!



BLACKHAWK,
EH? I'VE HEARD
OF YOU! I'LL
SHOOT---

YUST DROP THAT
GUN, OR AY BAN
LET YOU HAVE
IT!



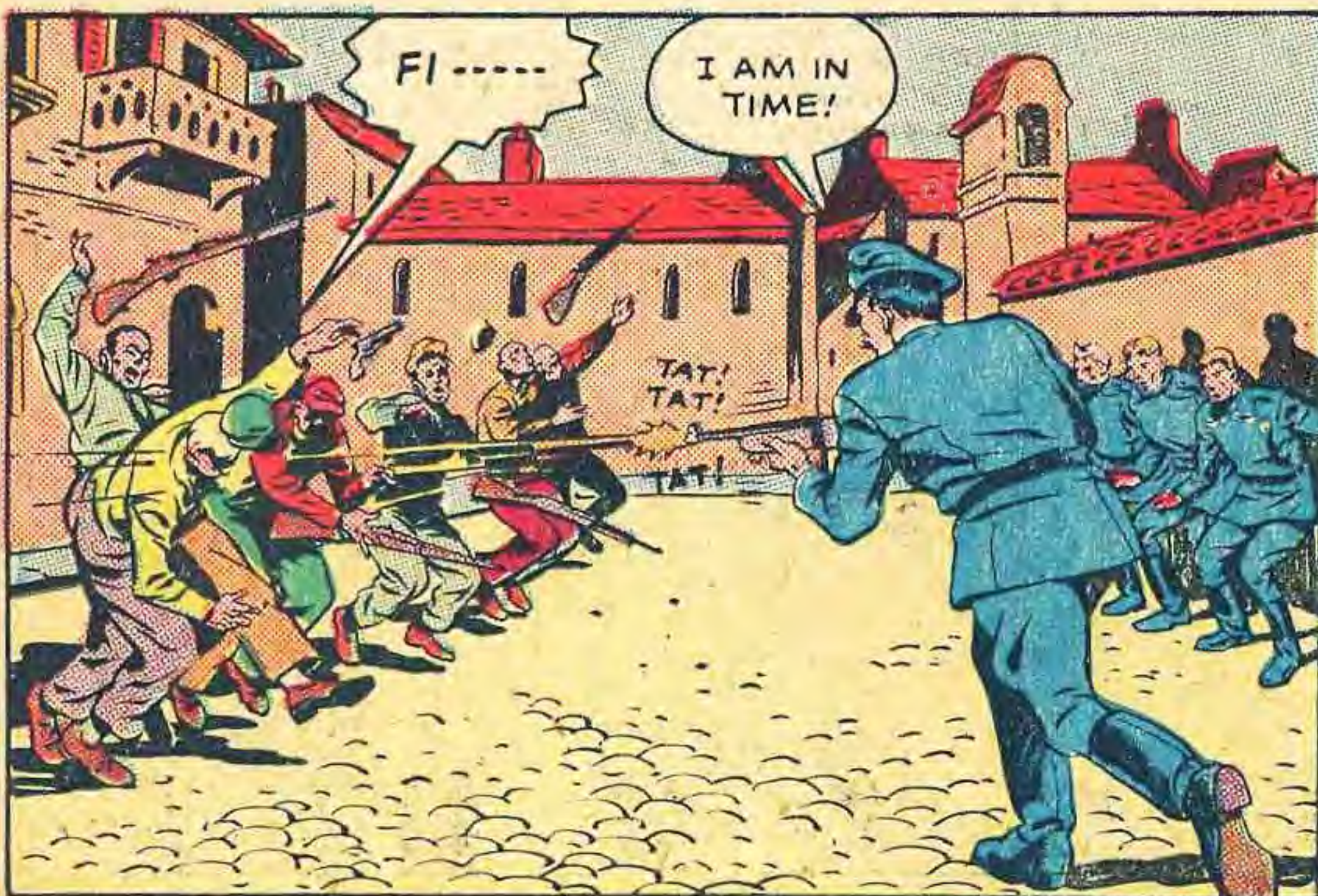
HEAVEN BE
BLESSED FOR
BRINGING
YOU, SEÑOR!

IT HASN'T BEEN
DIFFICULT SO FAR,
MR. PRESIDENT!

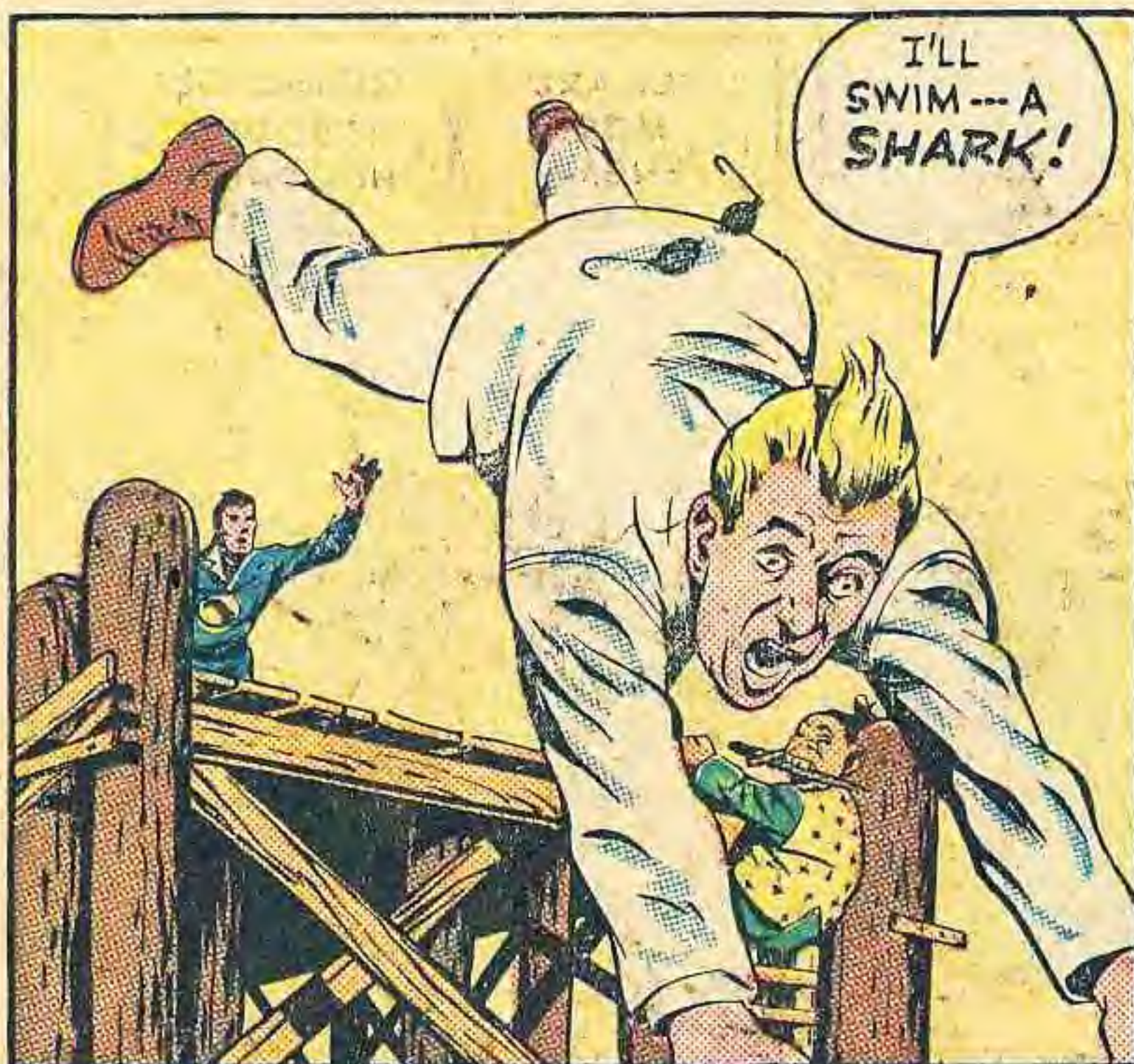
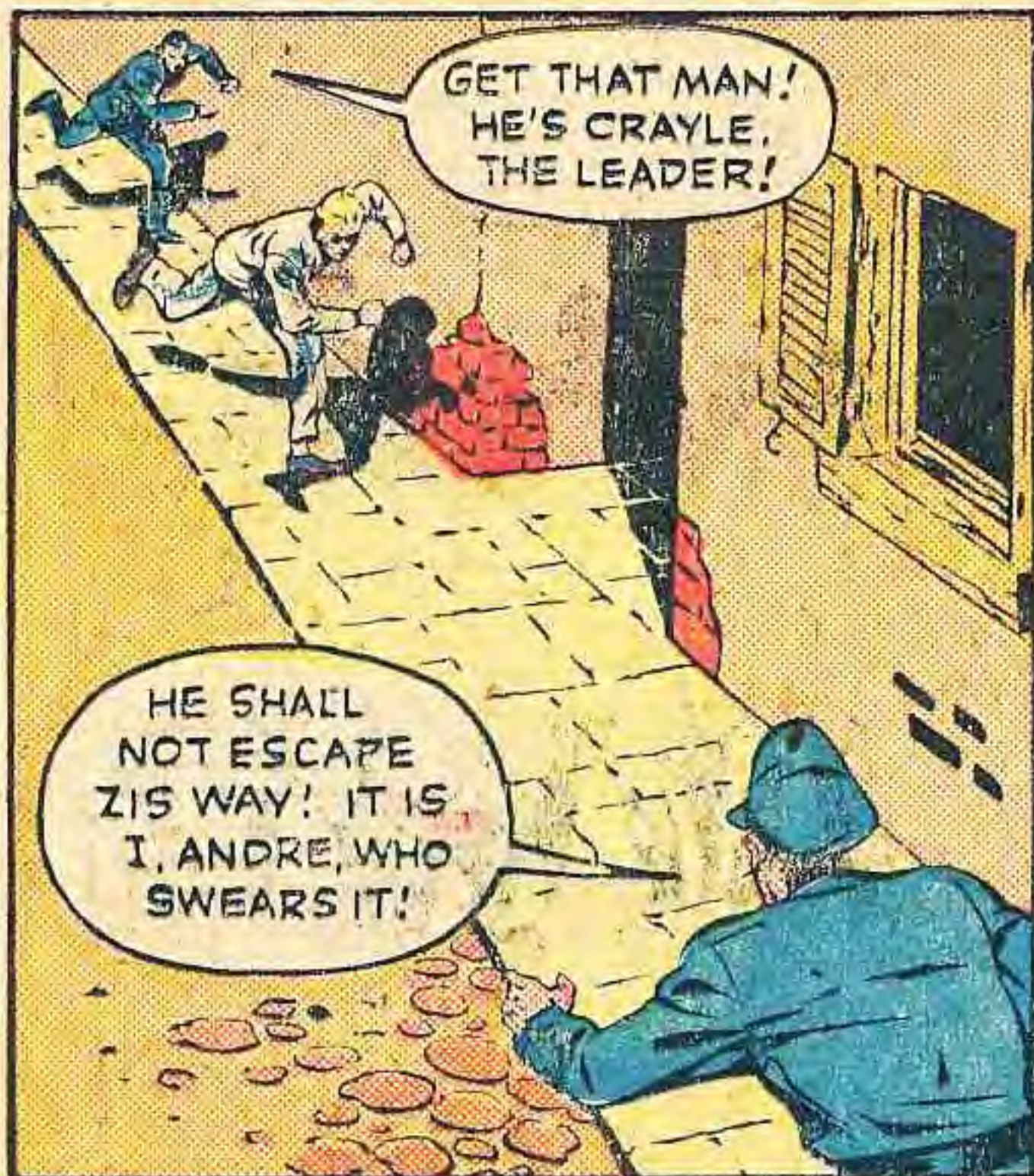
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CHOP-CHOP



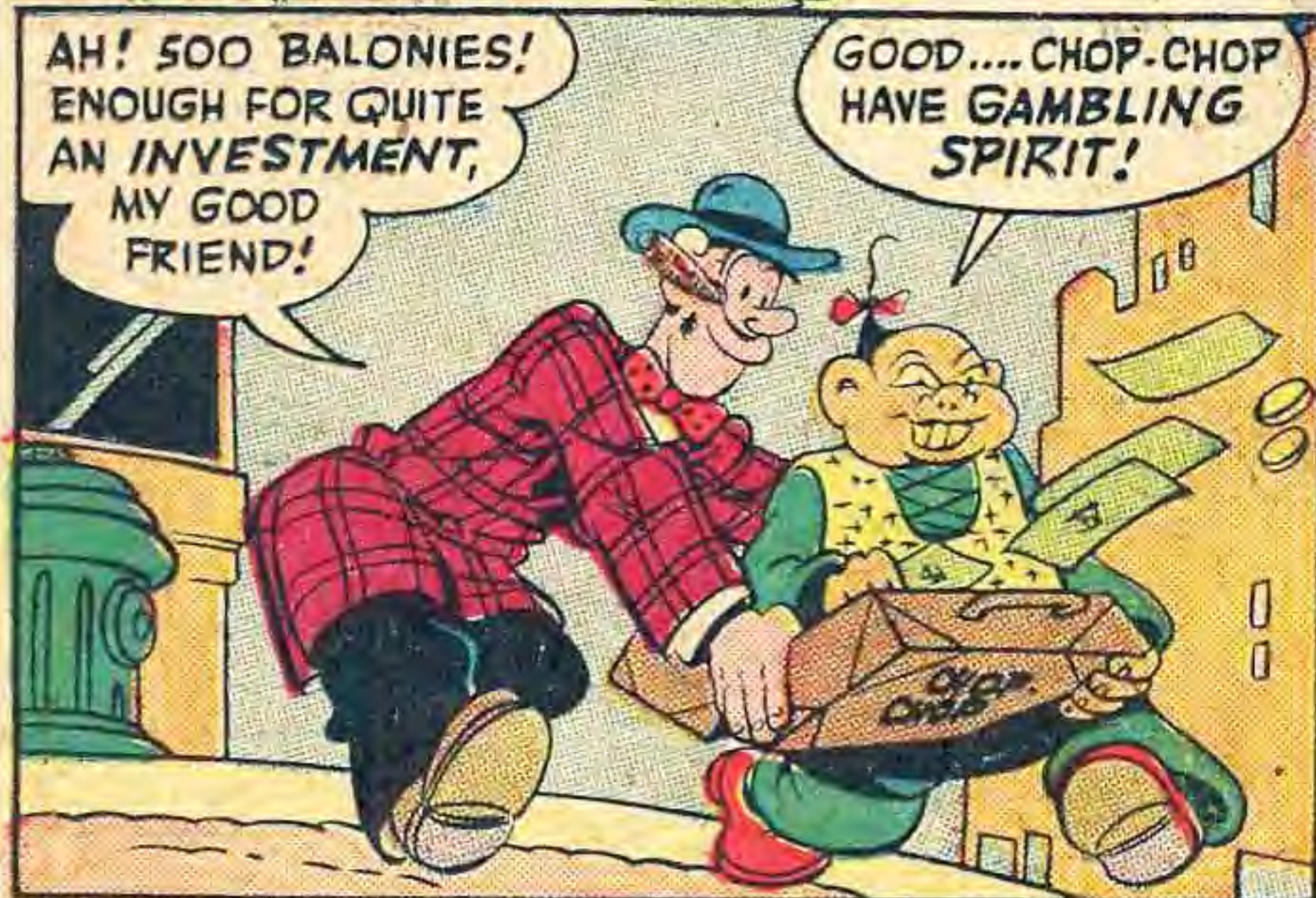
HEY, CHOP-CHOP!

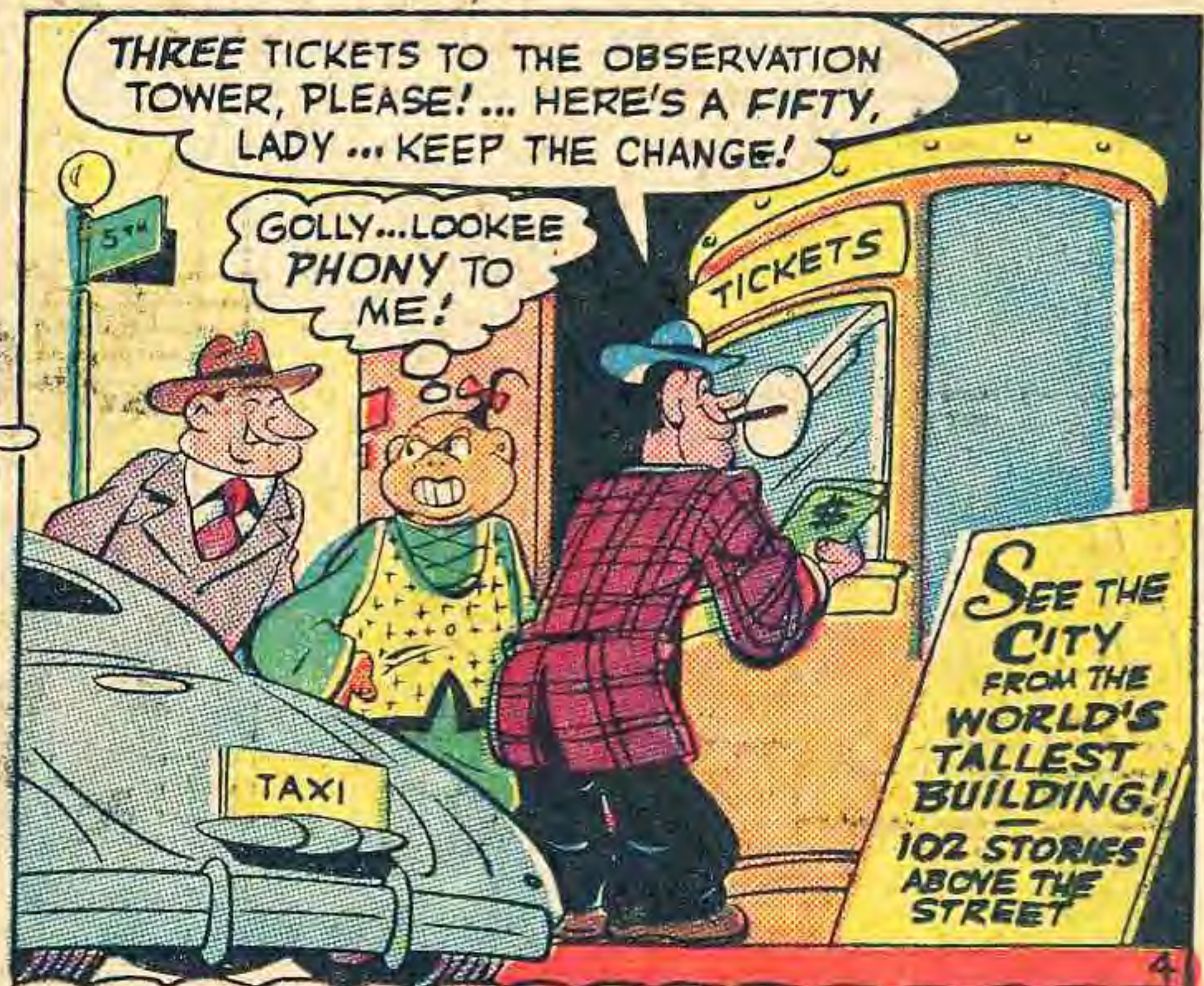
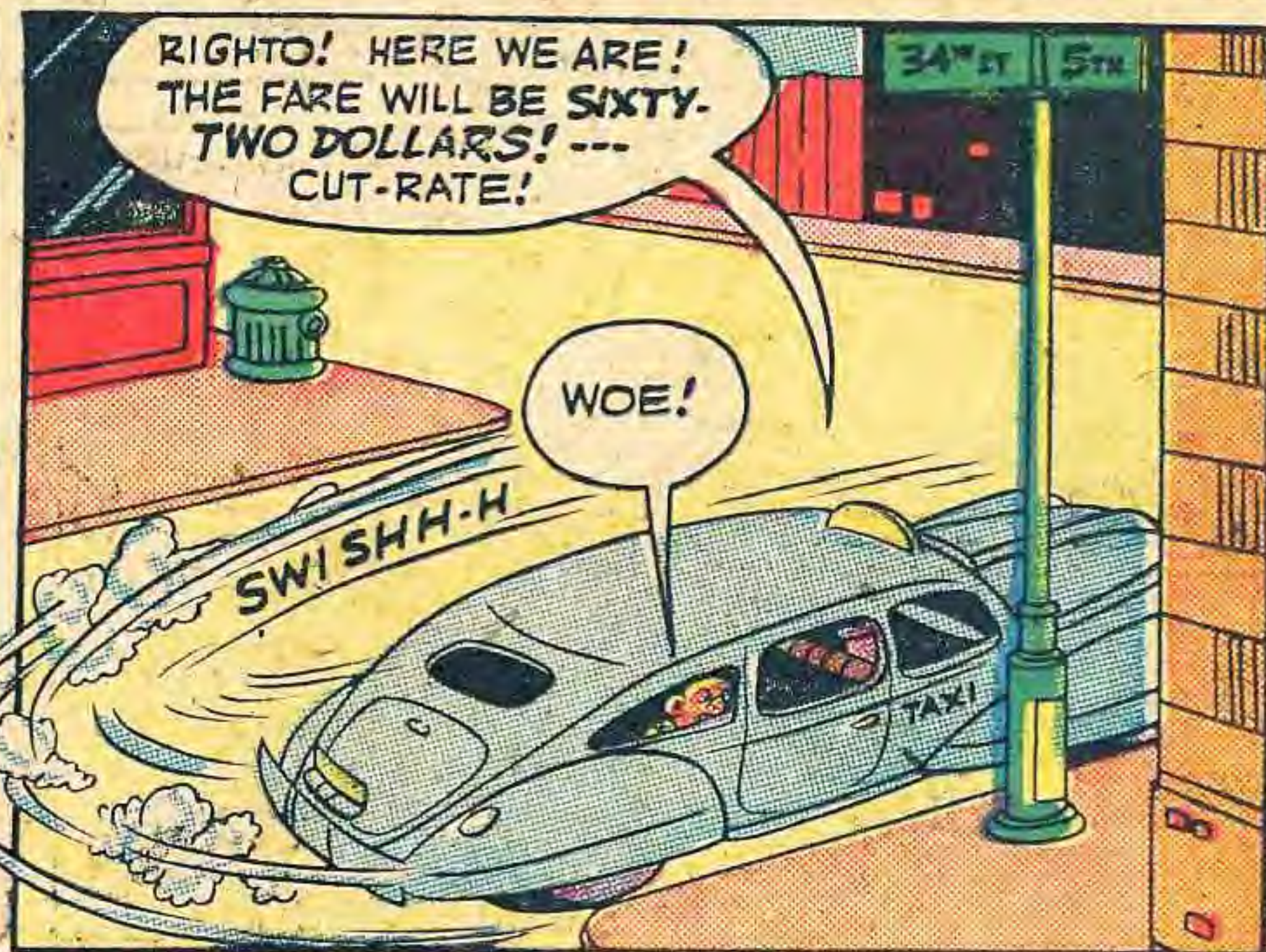
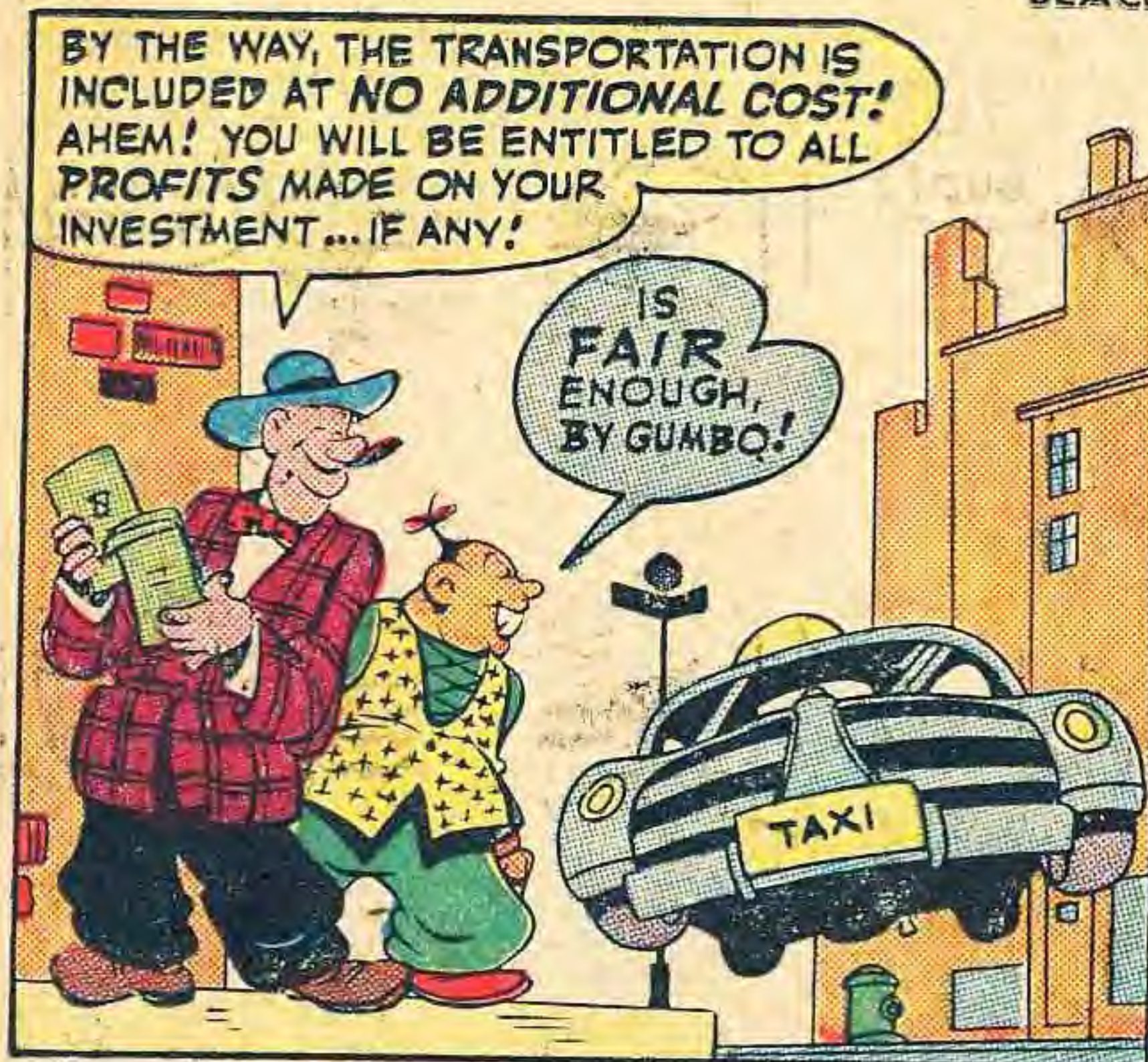
BY GUMBO,
IT'S BLACKHAWKS!
--CLOMING!

KEEP GUARD ON
THE ISLAND, CHOP-CHOP!
WE'RE OFF ON ANOTHER
ADVENTURE!

HEY!

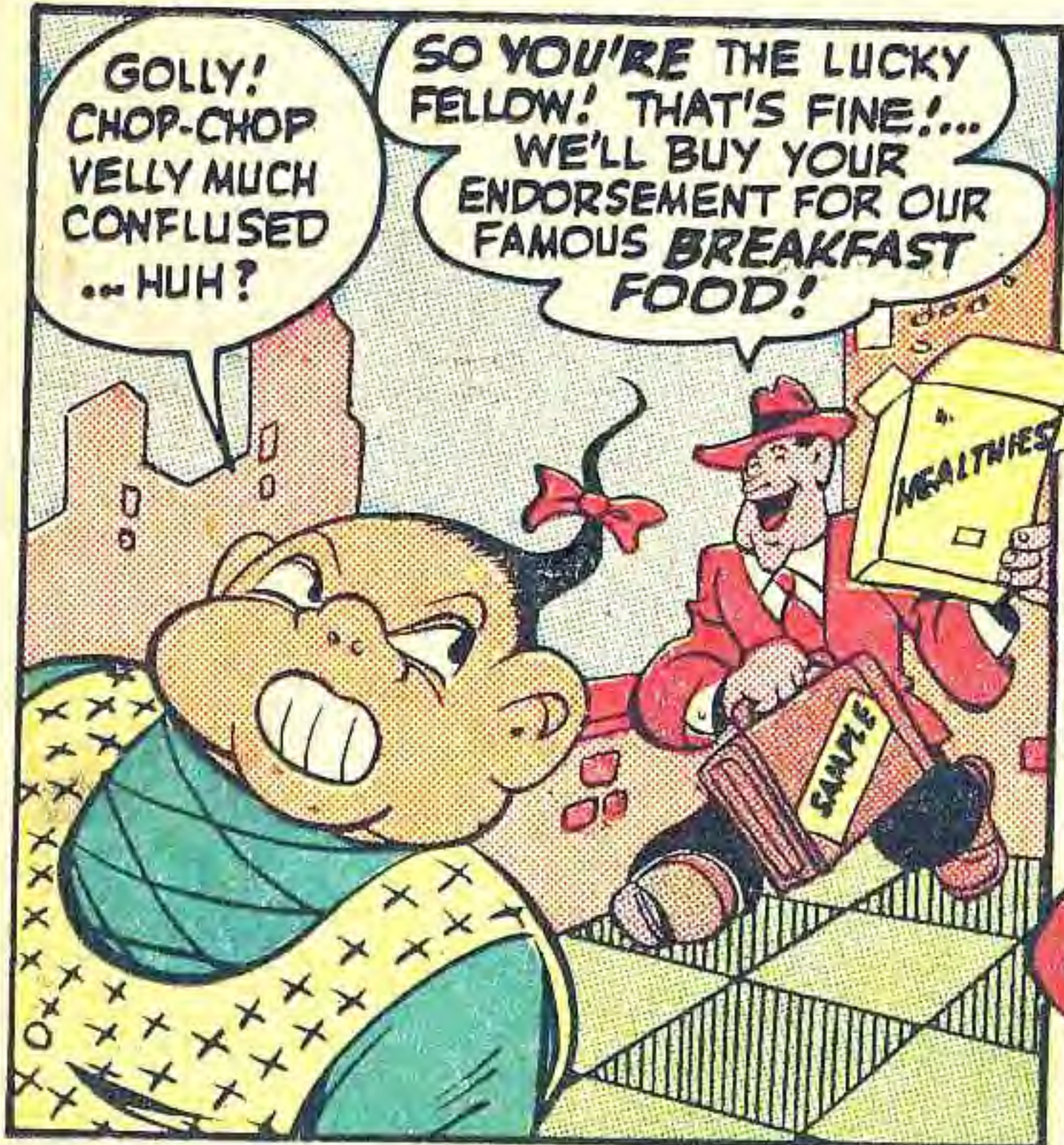






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GOLLY!
CHOP-CHOP
VELLY MUCH
CONFLUSED
... HUH?

SO YOU'RE THE LUCKY
FELLOW! THAT'S FINE!...
WE'LL BUY YOUR
ENDORSEMENT FOR OUR
FAMOUS **BREAKFAST
FOOD!**

ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY
IS THAT **HEALTHIES**
GAVE YOU THE ENERGY
FOR VIEWING THE
CITY FROM THE
**OBSERVATION
TOWER!**

HOWEVER, JUST TO BE LEGITIMATE,
IT'S NECESSARY FOR YOU TO TASTE
THE CEREAL FOR YOURSELF!
OPEN WIDE!

SURE!



GEE,
BOSS,
MORE
DOUGH!

FINE! AND HERE IS
\$3,000 FOR YOUR
SIGNATURE!

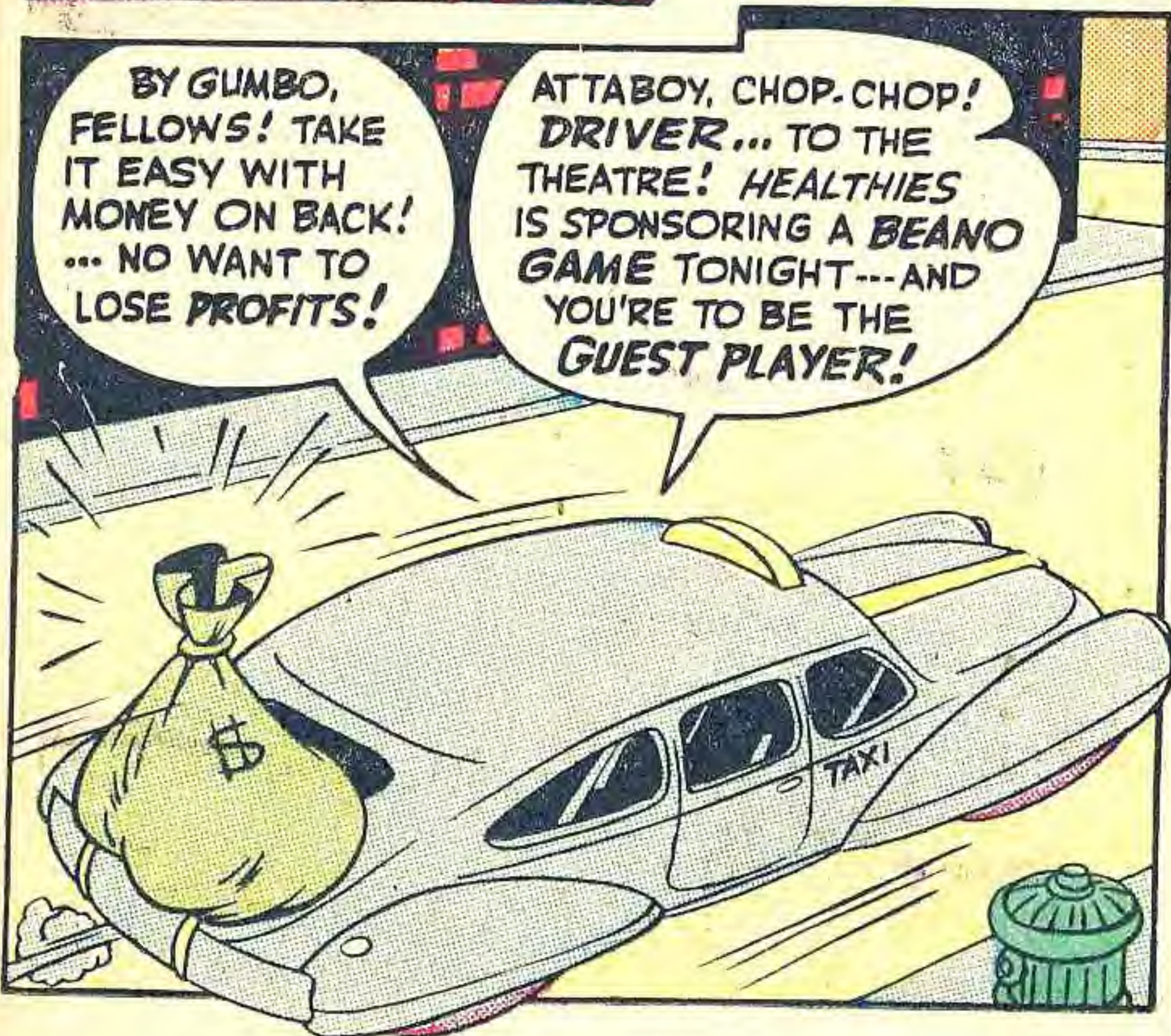


ER ... CHOP-CHOP,
THERE'S A LITTLE
BUSINESS MATTER
WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS
WITH YOU! OUR
RATES WILL HAVE TO
BE CHANGED
SLIGHTLY,
BECAUSE...

AH! NO WILL DO!
WE MAKE
AGREEMENT CONTRACT
FOR YOU TO CARRY
MONEY! COME!
LET'S GO!

**EXCELLENT
IDEA,
MY GOOD
MAN!**

YEAH!



BY GUMBO,
FELLOWS! TAKE
IT EASY WITH
MONEY ON BACK!
... NO WANT TO
LOSE PROFITS!

ATTABOY, CHOP-CHOP!
DRIVER... TO THE
THEATRE! **HEALTHIES**
IS SPONSORING A **BEANO
GAME TONIGHT**...AND
YOU'RE TO BE THE
GUEST PLAYER!

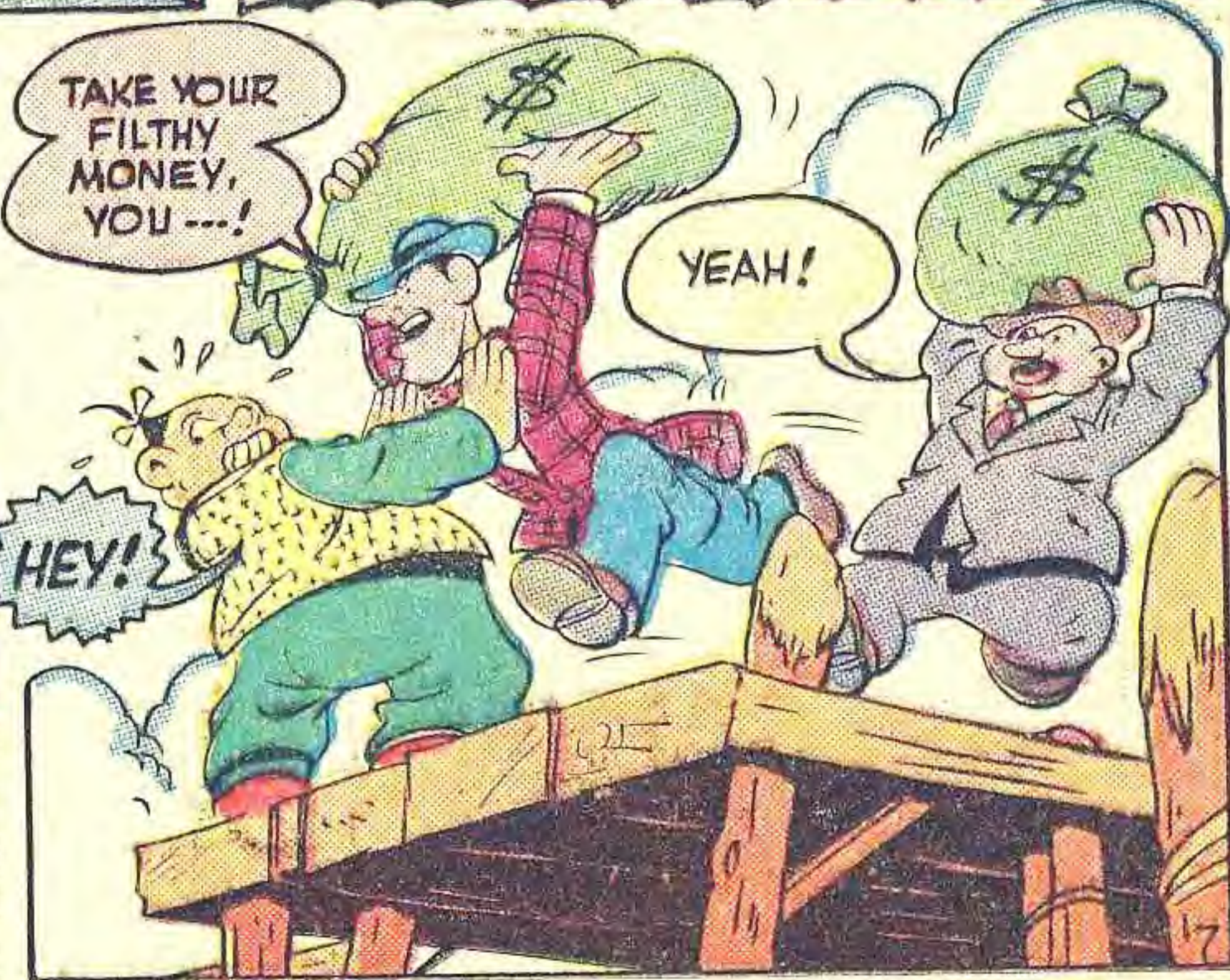
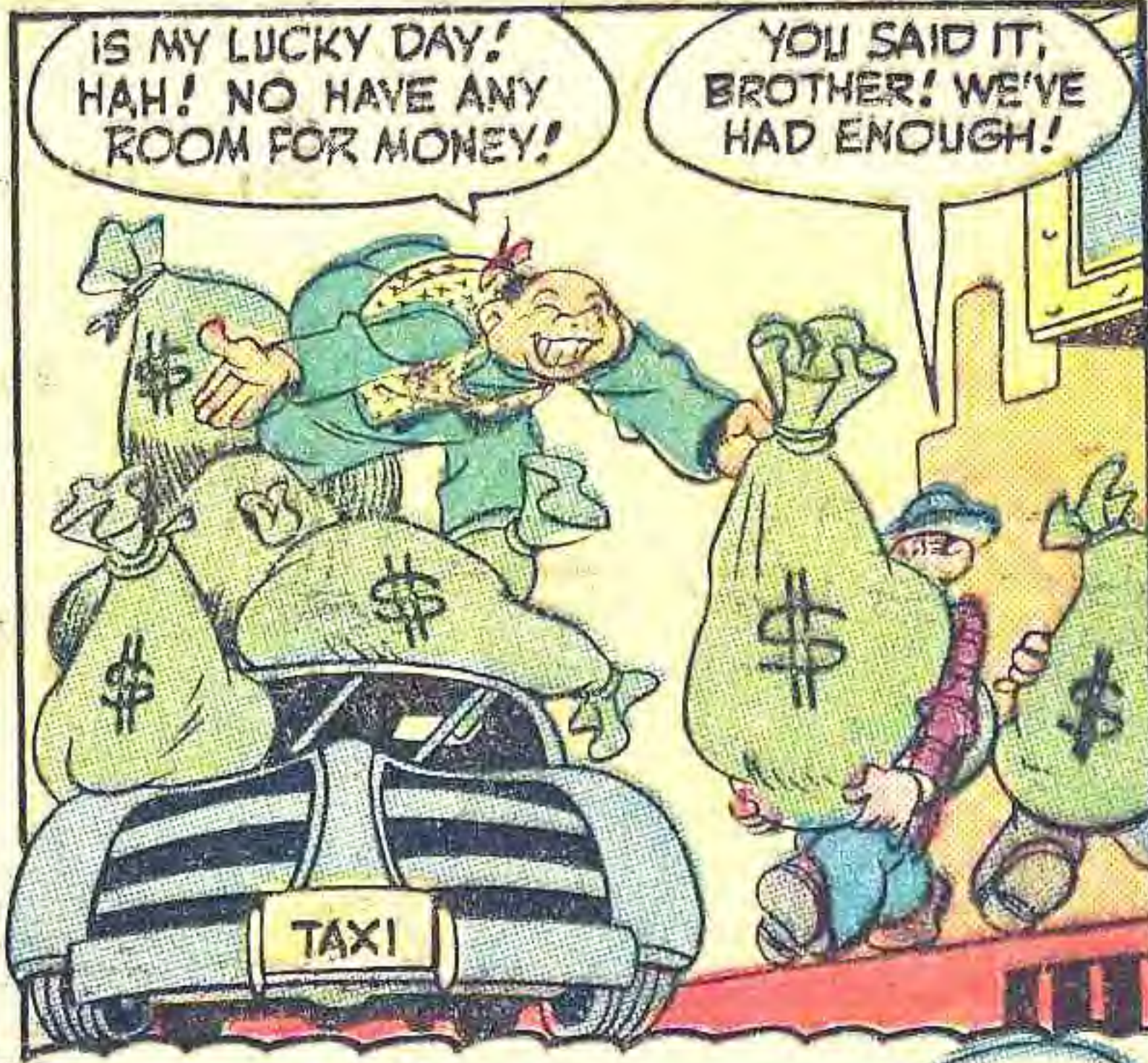
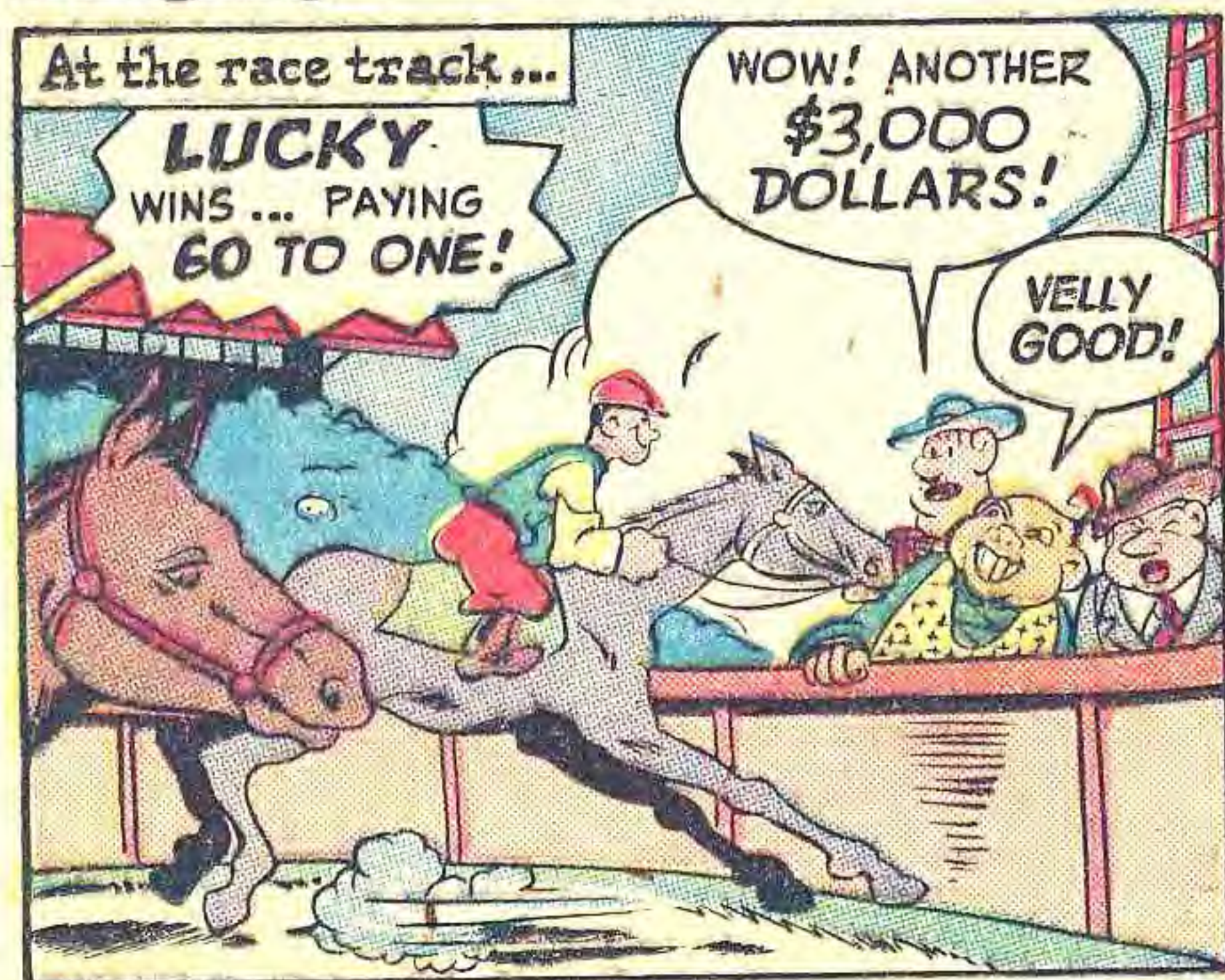


HERE WE GO
AGAIN,
BOSS!

YEAH!

GOLLY!
BIG SURPRISE!
NAME IN
LIGHTS!
WOE!

GET
YOUR
**BEANO
CARDS
HERE!**





HMMM-M! NOW GOTTA SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM AGAIN! GOODEE!



OKEE DOKEE! NOW YOU THROW FILTHEE MAZUMEE AT ME!



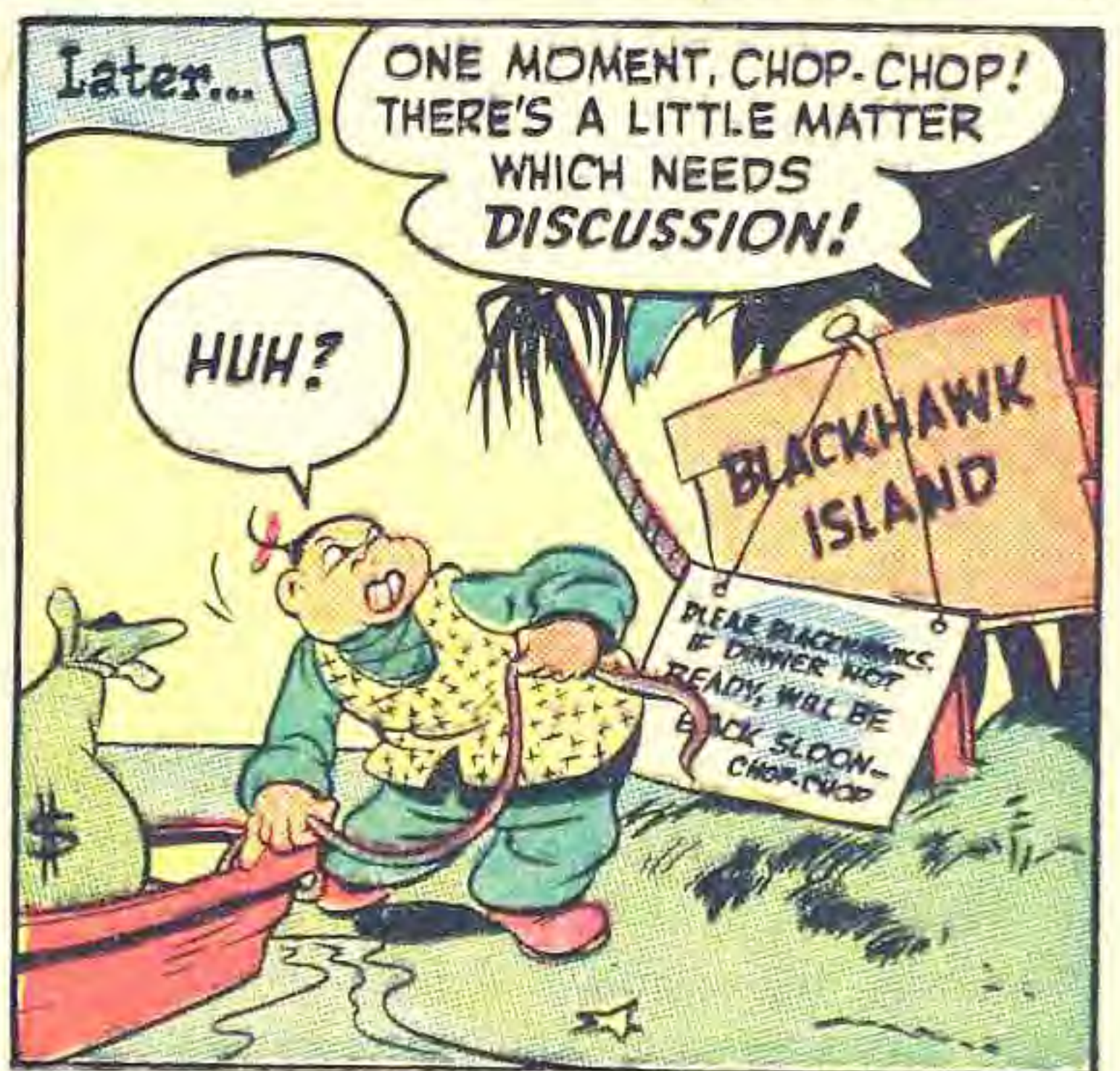
GOODBYE! AND GOOD RIDDANCE!

BAH!



SO LONG, SLIGHT-SEEING COMPANY! THANKS VELLY MUCH FOR EVLYTHING!

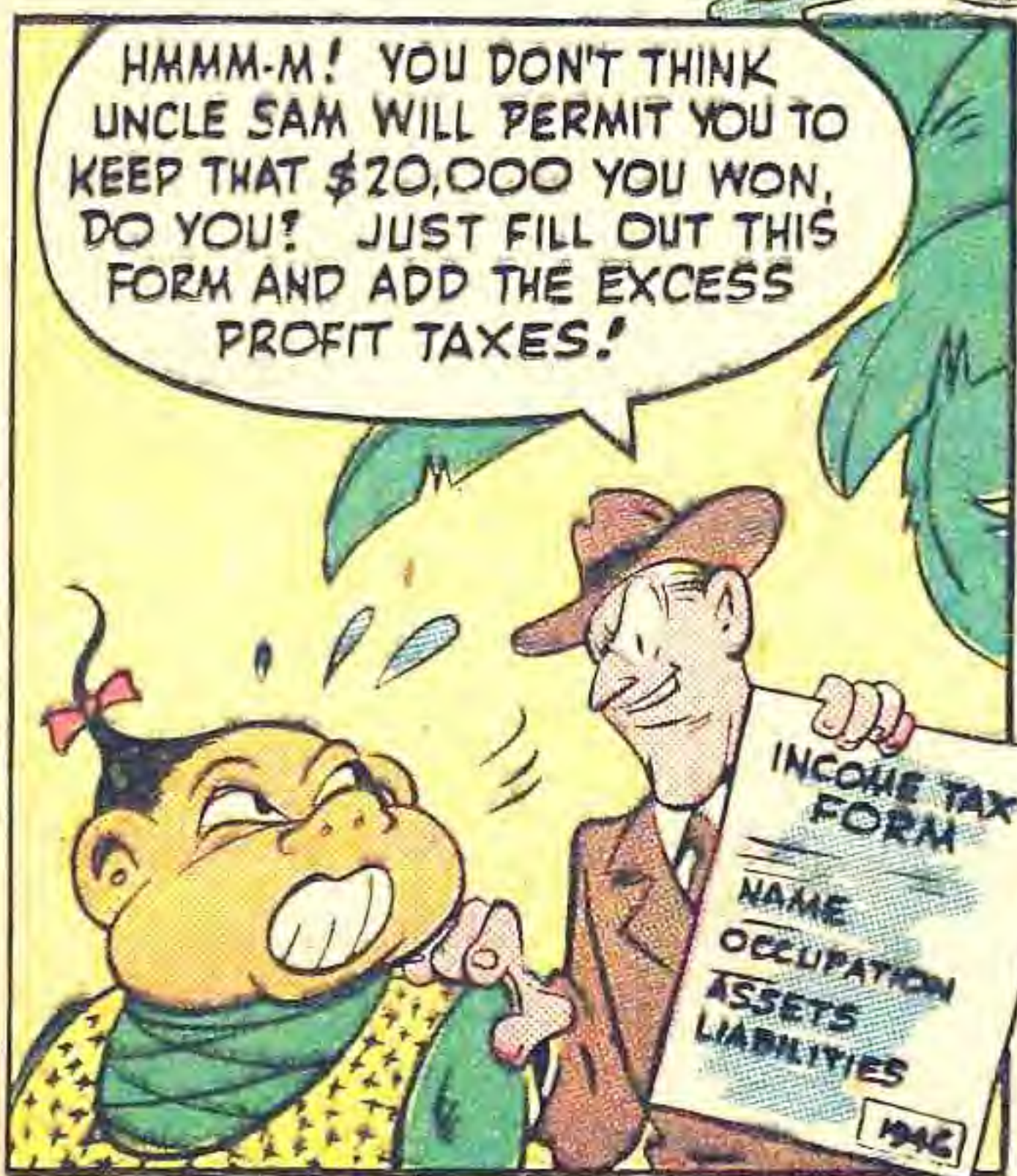
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Later...

ONE MOMENT, CHOP-CHOP! THERE'S A LITTLE MATTER WHICH NEEDS DISCUSSION!

HUH?



HMMM-M! YOU DON'T THINK UNCLE SAM WILL PERMIT YOU TO KEEP THAT \$20,000 YOU WON, DO YOU? JUST FILL OUT THIS FORM AND ADD THE EXCESS PROFIT TAXES!

...WHICH LEAVES EXACTLY \$500 DOLLARS... SO I'LL JUST TAKE BACK ALL THE BOATS BUT ONE!

HMM-MM... BUT NO CAN SOLVE INCOME TAX PROBLEM! TOO BAD!

OH, WELL... HAD GOOD TIME AND STILL HAVE \$500 LEFT IN POT FOR ANOTHER ADVENTURE SOMETIME! NO COMPLAIN!



A WHIP *for* BLACKHAWK

THE normally cloudless desert sky had a cloud today—dark and angry, ascending smoke from the center of the brick-walled town. The great house which had belonged to Judar Melek, the Good Emir of the Dester, was burning. Judar Melek was dead. His faithful servants were dead, those of his warriors who had stayed true to him, were dead, most of them with no chance to fight. That was the work of El-Barbi—who as wazir had been second to rule the town and tribe under Judar Melek and who, by treachery and evil, was now absolute ruler. His henchmen had worked fast and fearfully in the night, killing those who slept, capturing a few. Now they stood guard in the streets, grinning fiercely at the frightened people.

Outside the walls, in the bright morning sun, four men on horses sat sneering at a man on foot, a tall man whose blue uniform hung in ripped rags upon his powerful body. The man's arms were bound, his face was bloody, but he scowled back without a hint of fear.

"You wouldn't have done this to me," said Blackhawk, "except that I was asleep when you attacked me in the Emir's palace. I had thought that honor and hospitality were sacred among the desert folk. Now I understand, El-Barbi the sneaking killer, that you scorn both. Well, why have you brought me out here?"

El-Barbi grinned in his big black beard, and waved a jewelled hand, the hand that held his rhinoceros hide whip. "Because, Blackhawk, you were a guest of the tribe. Those we killed were our own people, the men who foolishly did not join the conspiracy to overthrow old Judar Melek. You are a stranger, you ate bread and salt with us—and so you live." He waved the whip toward the bright, level sand. "Depart, and peace be with you." His grin was broader. "Peace, yes—the peace of death in the desert. Farewell, Blackhawk."

"You are proud to be cruel," said Blackhawk. "And proud, too, to be cowardly. If my hands were free, I'd smite you out from behind that beard."

El-Barbi cursed and lashed out with the whip. It cut Blackhawk across the face. Blood sprang, and the three lieutenants of the usurper laughed loudly. But Blackhawk did not betray pain or other feeling.

"For that blow," he said, "you will pay to the fullest. I turn my back on thieves, traitors and cowards."

He spun on his heel and tramped away. The horsemen watched him go.

"He will walk until he staggers and falls," said El-Barbi. "Then he will lie helpless until the sun kills him, and the vultures will eat his flesh. Months hence, some wanderer will find his bones and try to guess whose they were. Back to the

town! We celebrate our victory and our new power and wealth."

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It had seemed to Blackhawk that he walked forever before he fell, surt-buffed and exhausted; and forever again before he awoke with water trickling into his mouth and anxious faces bending above him.

"*Ma foi*, it was fate that brought us to rescue you!" said Andre. "We were flying to Judar Melek's, having received his invitation to join you as his guests; and Olaf, flying ahead, saw a fallen form on the desert below, signalled us all down—and it was you!"

Blackhawk's splendid physical strength asserted itself. He sat up, revived, and quickly told them what had happened—the cowardly and treasonable uprising of El-Barbi, the murder of their friend Judar Melek, and the new rule in the city of oppression and theft.

"We ban go smack them, ya?" said Olaf, eager for revenge.

"I don't know just when or how," replied Blackhawk. "We must plan some way to get only the guilty ones and let the innocent townspeople go free. Meanwhile—do you suppose any spy is listening to what I am about to suggest?"

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It was midnight when El-Barbi's sentries admitted a stranger at the gate and brought

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him to their master. The stranger was dressed in ragged robe and turban, wore a seedy white beard, and chattered fast.

"I was near the camp of the Blackhawks, mighty one," he quavered. "They rescued their leader, and plan to attack here. I came, hoping for reward—"

"Allah's curse on the swine," growled El-Barbi. "I should have whipped Blackhawk to death instead of letting him go. You ask for a reward—here," and he tossed a bag of gold to the stranger. "Now stay as my servant; you have proved your worth. We will prepare for these Blackhawks."

By dawn the Blackhawk planes were dropping out of the sky. But El-Barbi had a radio set up and running. He spoke into its microphone.

"Better not bomb or machine gun our streets," he laughed. "This town is full of fools who loved Judar Melek. You don't want to hurt them! Better land and storm our walls. We are ready for you."

They heard him, for they landed. The watchers saw a knot of blue-clad fighters approach the gate. Pausing just out of range of El-Barbi's riflemen, the bluecoats took position as a firing squad. *Pop-pop-pop!* rang their weapons.

"Long range machine guns," muttered a desert fighter. "And their aim is unerring. See! Explosive bullets—raining upon the locks of the gates—"

It was true. The locks were being blasted away. Impacts of more bullets drove the stout gates open. A distant cheer rang, and the attackers moved forward. Every defender who showed his head fell back with a slug in it.

"They are coming in!" cried a lieutenant. "Covering themselves with their own fire! Quick, warn El-Barbi—"

"I am here already," said his chief. "Let them enter. They are few. At close range our numbers will overwhelm them. Draw yourselves up, and wait for my word to counter-attack."

El-Barbi arranged his men and drew back to a safe place. "Who are you?" he demanded suddenly as someone moved alongside.

"You said I was your servant," said the gray-beard.

"True. I have not had time to question you. How do the Blackhawks intend to destroy us? They are so few, and we so many?"

"Blackhawk intends to be in two places at once," said the old man.

"In two places? Ha! Ha!" El-Barbi threw back his head to laugh, and then thrust it forward, staring. The fellow was pulling at his gray beard—it fell off. So did turban and cloak. Blackhawk stood before him.

"I wanted to be sure that I dealt with you personally," he told El-Barbi. "After that whipping out there on the sand, I could not allow another's hand to punish you."

El-Barbi's mouth flew open to cry for help, but Blackhawk was upon him. A sinewy hand caught El-Barbi's throat, strangling the cry. A moment later, the other Blackhawks were inside, attacking the men who had waited, too long, for their leader's signal.

It was of the pattern of many other Blackhawk raids. The blue-uniformed battlers of

a hundred fields—Olaf, Hendrickson, Chuck, Stanislaus, Andre—struck down their enemies like stalks of grass. Chop-Chop, even, fought and triumphed like a warrior of China's heroic antiquity. Every Blackhawk bullet, every blow of a Blackhawk fist, claimed a victim. The men of El-Barbi, nonplussed by their chief's silence, wavered, ran, finally screamed for mercy.

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Again the town was happy. Young Judar, son of the murdered Emir, had come and was succeeding his father as ruler. He gave lavish entertainment to the Blackhawks.

"But how, friend of the true and the just, did you hit upon your plan?" he asked Blackhawk. "It was daring and it was brilliant, coming to El-Barbi as if to betray your own plans."

"El-Barbi showed me the way with his whip," said Blackhawk.

"A whip? The sign of disdain, of insult?"

"When he struck me with it, he showed that he considered me and my friends beneath him," said Blackhawk. "It betrayed his weakness."

"It is bad to scorn an enemy," nodded Young Judar.

"He expected no wits or courage from us," Blackhawk summed up. "A whip, he thought, was enough to drive us away. And a whip is always an insufficient weapon against guns or swords or—"

"Or even the hands of Blackhawk," finished Judar for him. "Look, Chop-Chop summons us to our feast of triumph."

JOHNNY DOUGHBOY



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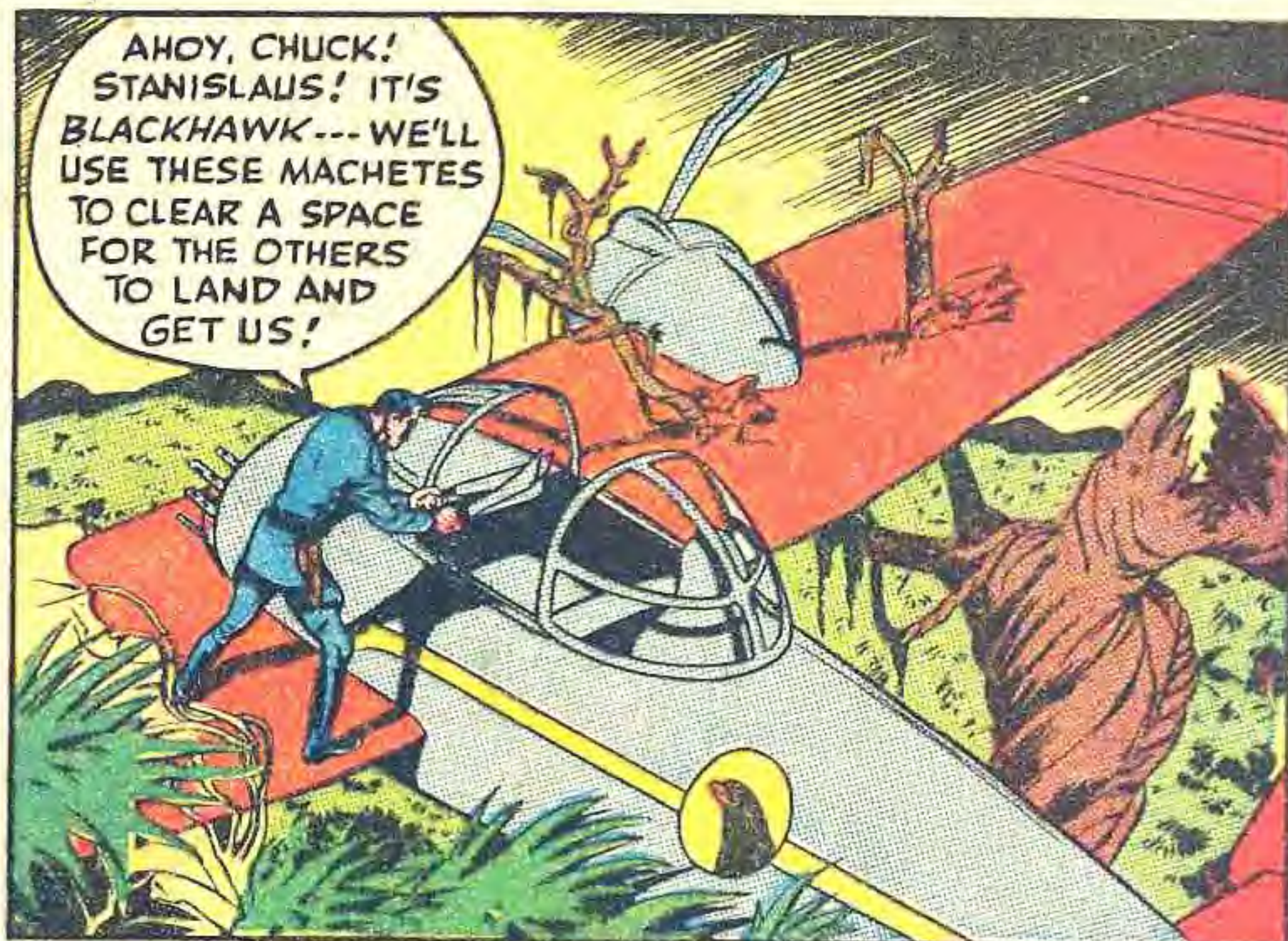


In the world's howling
jungles lurk strange,
sinister creatures.....
It is dangerous to search
after them.....
So let the way be opened
by **BLACKHAWK!**

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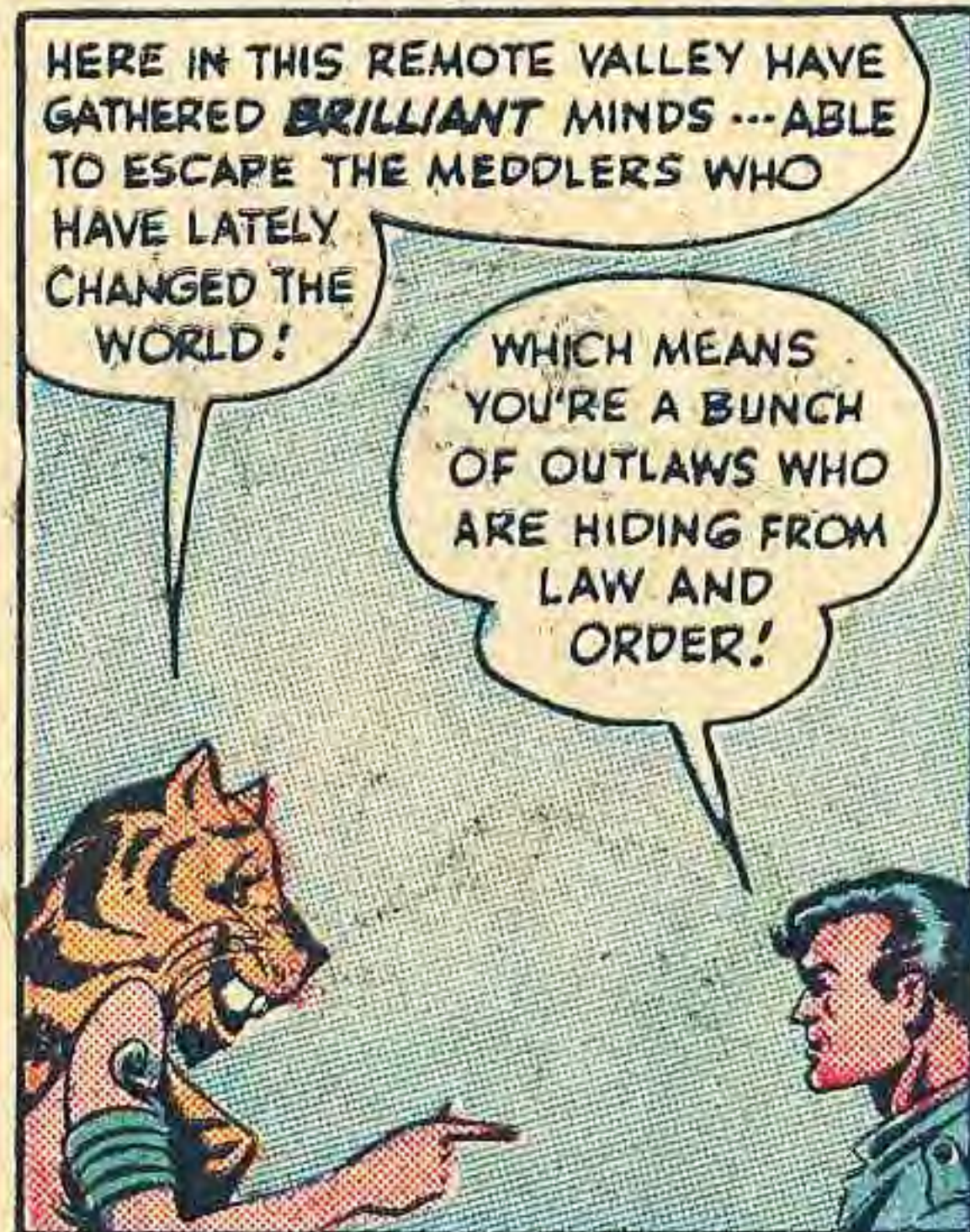


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BLACKHAWK!
YOU CAME
AFTER US!

I CAME AFTER YOU --- AND
THE TIGER-MEN CAME AFTER ME!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY
WE'RE BEING HELD
PRISONER!



DIDN'T THEY TELL
YOU? THEY WANT
US TO REPAIR OUR
PLANE --- FOR THEM
TO USE IN SCARING
THE NEARBY
NATIVES!

EVEN IF WE WERE WILLING
TO DO THAT, IT DOESN'T
LOOK WORTH REPAIRING!
IT WOULDN'T GET OFF
THE GROUND!



YES, BUT THE TIGRESS
WOULDN'T BELIEVE
THAT! SHE SAYS
TO REPAIR
IT, OR ---

THEY
HAVE HAD
TIME TO TALK!
BRING THEM
OUT!



Meanwhile, their anxious
comrades wonder....

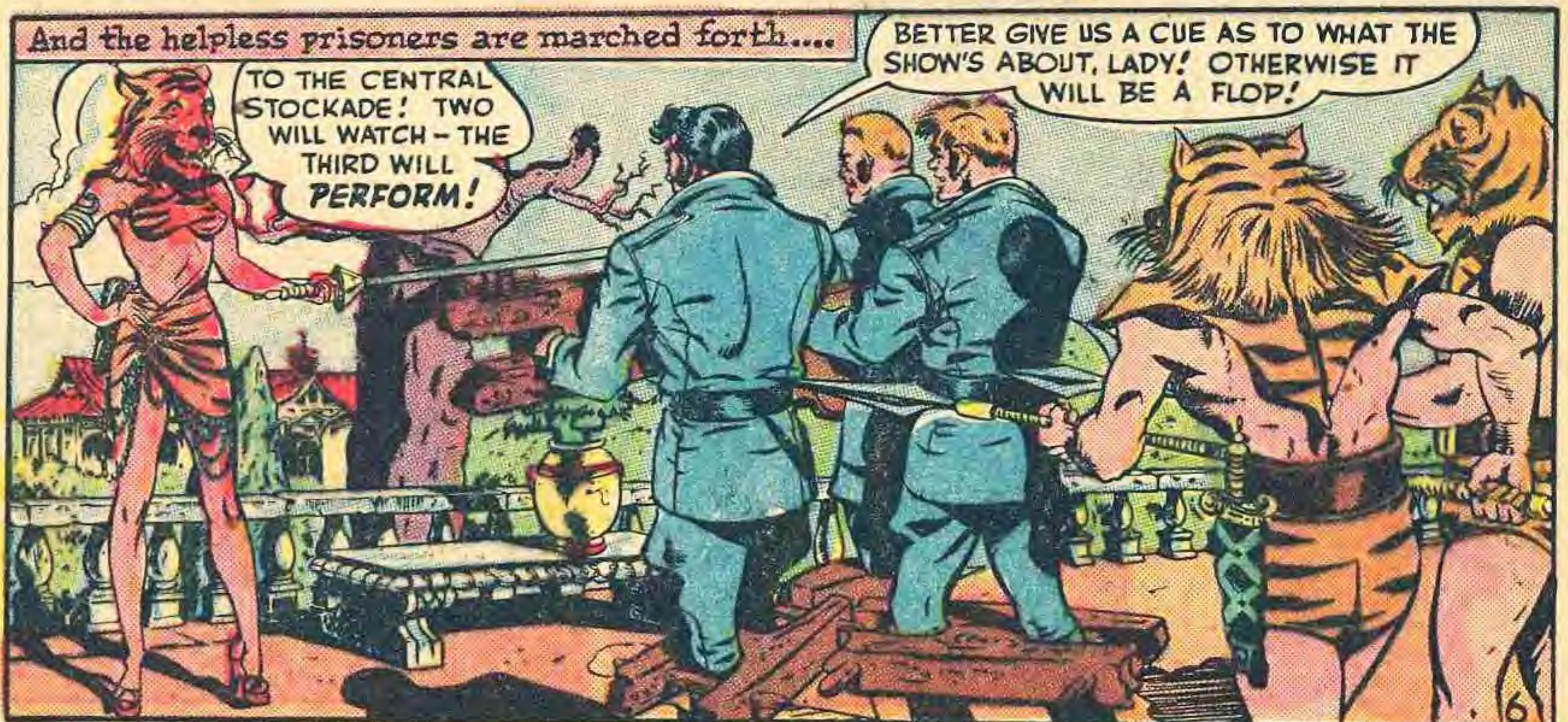
YOU HAVE
MADE ZE
SCOUT TRIP
OVER ZE JUNGLE,
HENDRICKSON?

THREE TIMES! UND
NO SIGN OF DER
LANDING FIELD ---
NOR ANY OF
DEM!



MAYBE I BATTER BAIL OUT
AND GO LOOK --- SOMETHING
BAM GO WRONG,
MAYBE!

NO, OLAF!
IF BLACKHAWK
HAS FAILED, HOW
CAN ONE OF US
SUCCEED? WE
CAN ONLY WATCH--
AND HOPE!



And the helpless prisoners are marched forth....

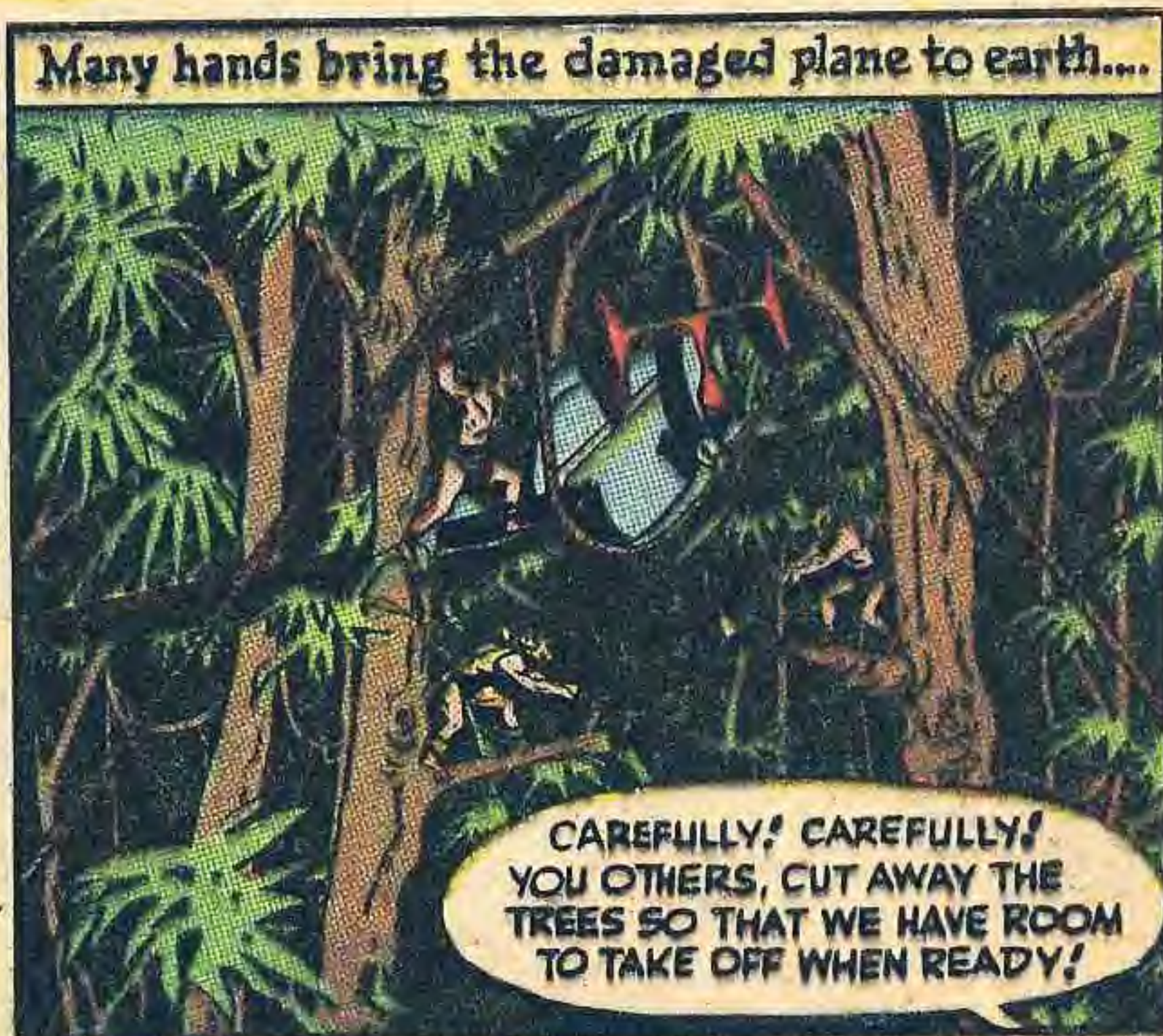
TO THE CENTRAL
STOCKADE! TWO
WILL WATCH - THE
THIRD WILL
PERFORM!

BETTER GIVE US A CUE AS TO WHAT THE
SHOW'S ABOUT, LADY! OTHERWISE IT
WILL BE A FLOP!

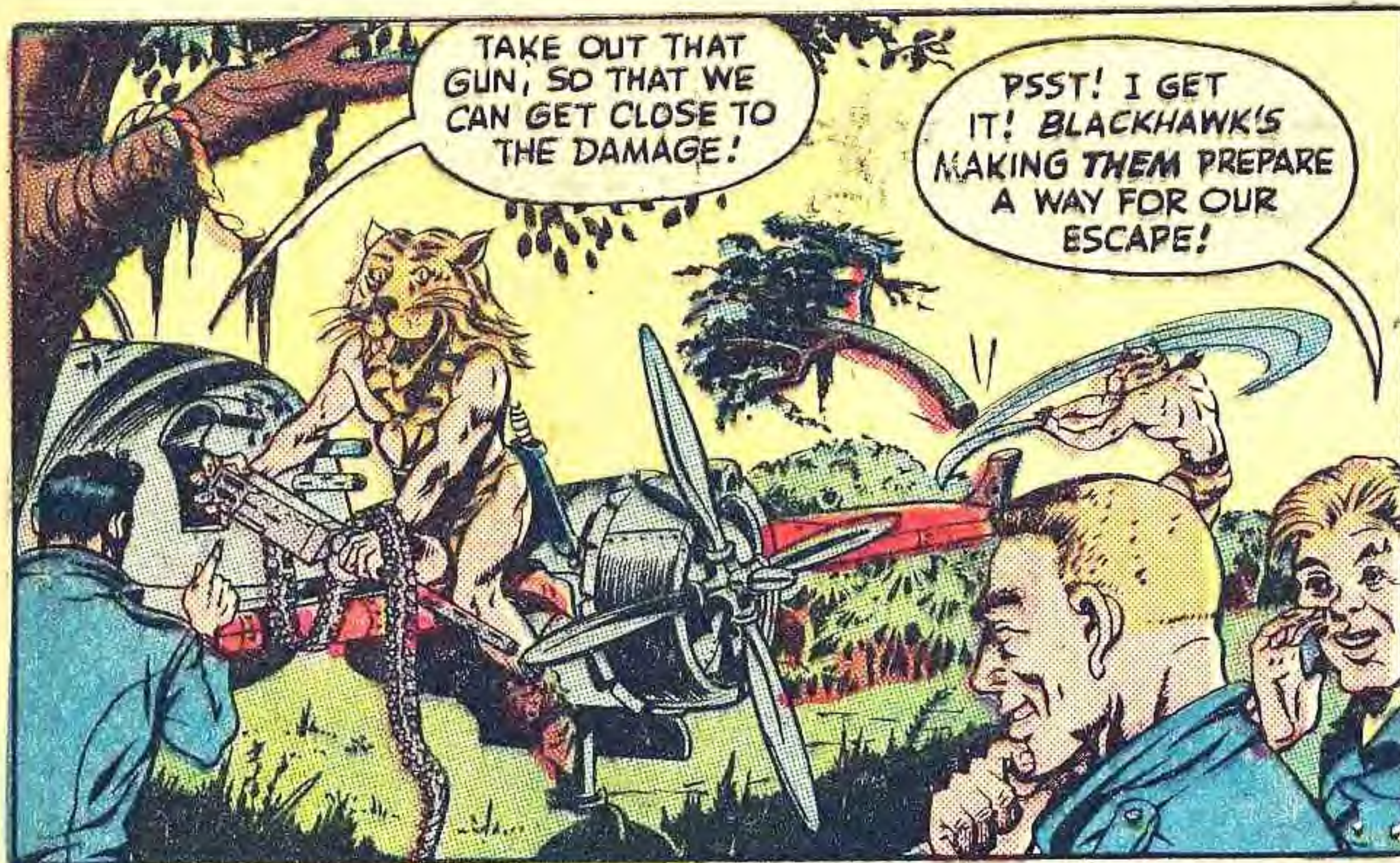
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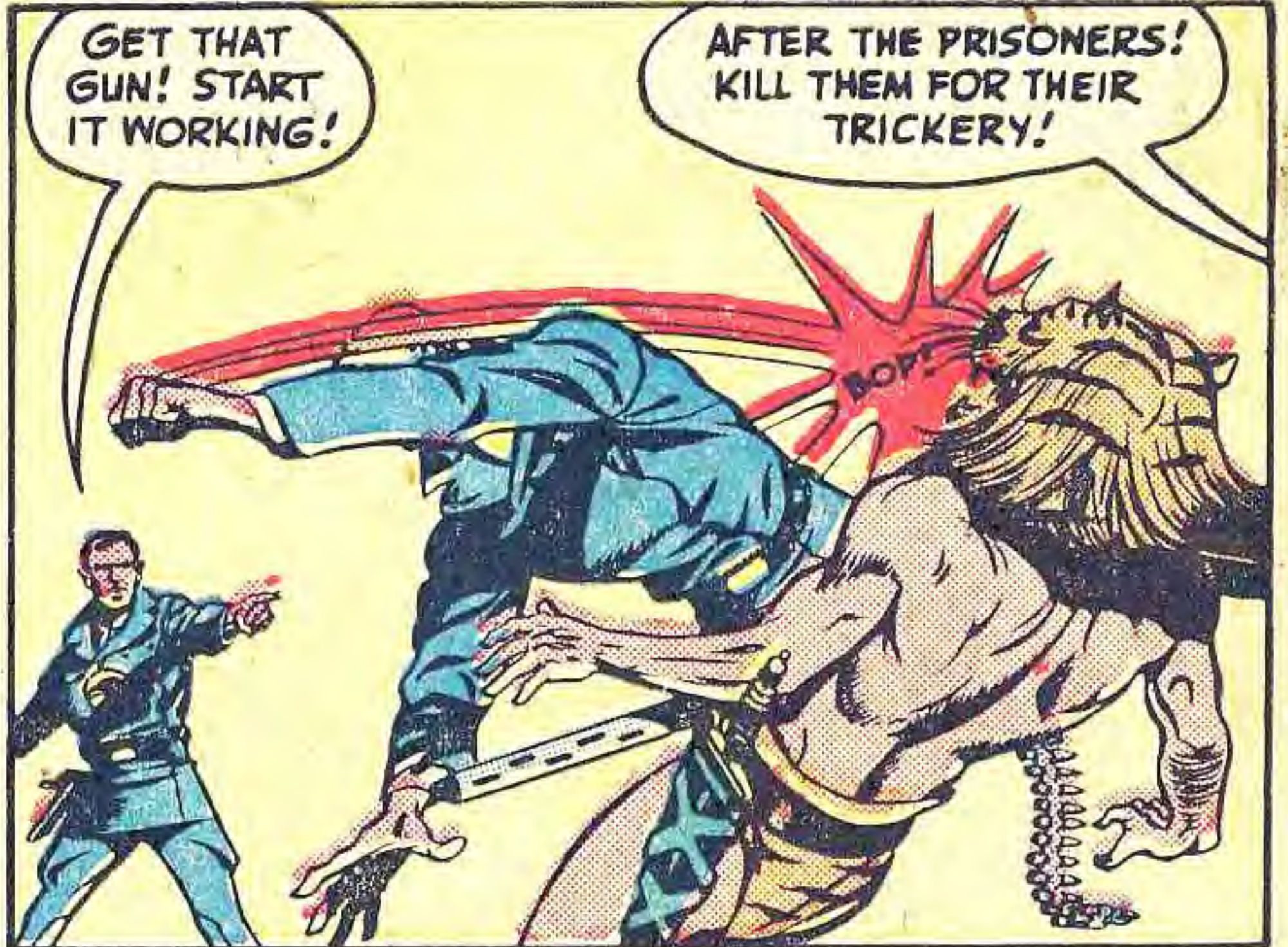
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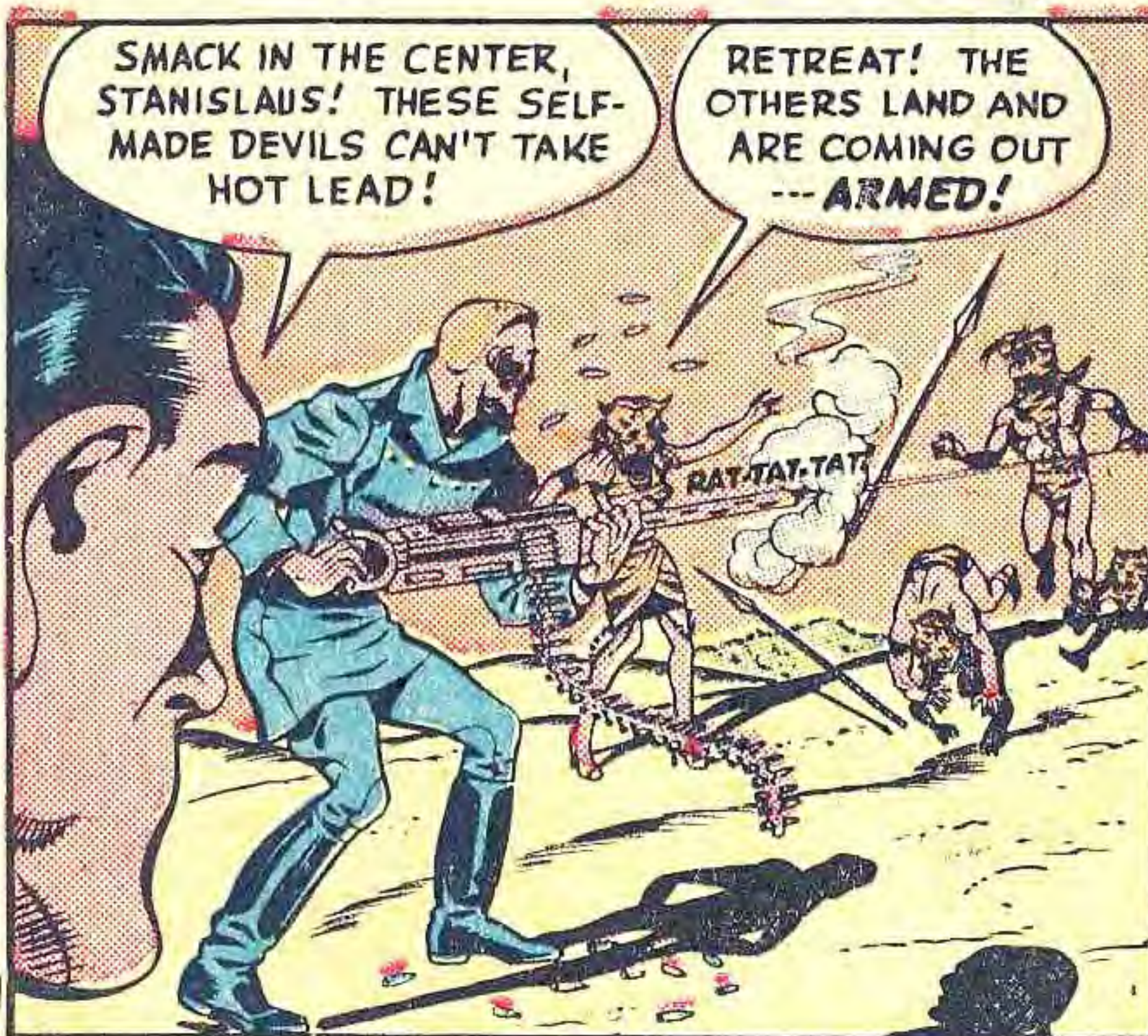


AS I GOT OUT, I FIRED THE **BOMB RACK!**



GET THAT GUN! START IT WORKING!

AFTER THE PRISONERS! KILL THEM FOR THEIR TRICKERY!



SMACK IN THE CENTER, STANISLAUS! THESE SELF-MADE DEVILS CAN'T TAKE HOT LEAD!

RETREAT! THE OTHERS LAND AND ARE COMING OUT --- **ARMED!**



WE HEARD AN EXPLOSION -- SHOTS! YOU HAD ZE TROUBLE, BLACKHAWK?

A LITTLE -- BUT NOT AS MUCH AS THE GANG WE'RE FIGHTING! TAKE COVER, QUICKLY!



Blackhawk explains....

--- AND THAT'S THE STORY UP TO NOW! WE'LL KEEP AFTER THEM --- BUT CAREFULLY! REMEMBER, THEY KNOW THIS JUNGLE AND WE DON'T!

CHOP-CHOP FIND FEETSTEPS! CAN FOLLOW, CATCHEE PLENTY TIGER-MANS!



MAIS NON --- EEF WE FOLLOW, ZEY WEEL WAIT EEN AMBUSH!

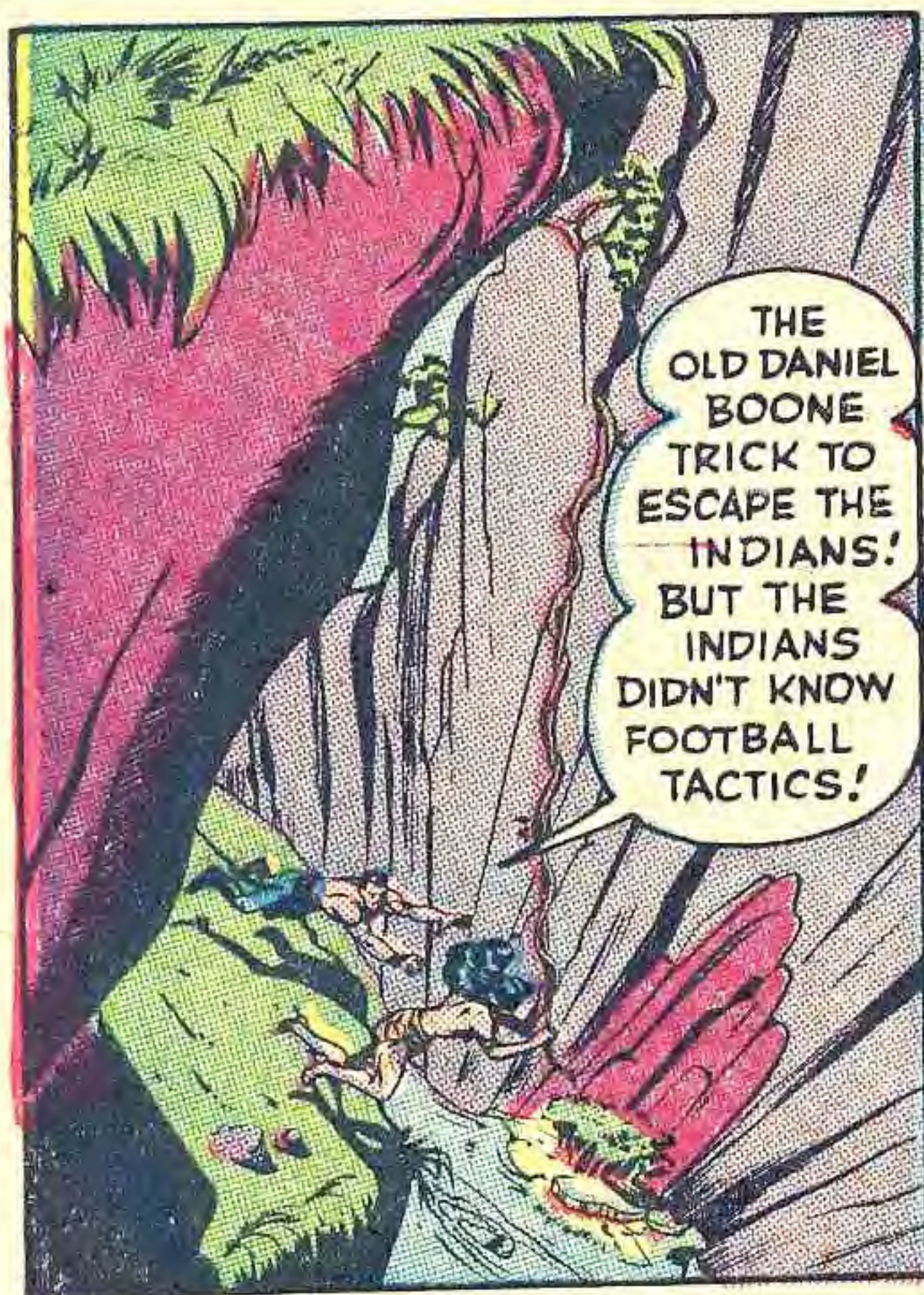
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA --- THOSE TIGER MASKS GAVE ME THE IDEA!



OUT OF YOUR UNIFORM COAT! GET ON THIS MASK! THEY'LL THINK WE'RE MEMBERS OF THEIR SAME CLUB!

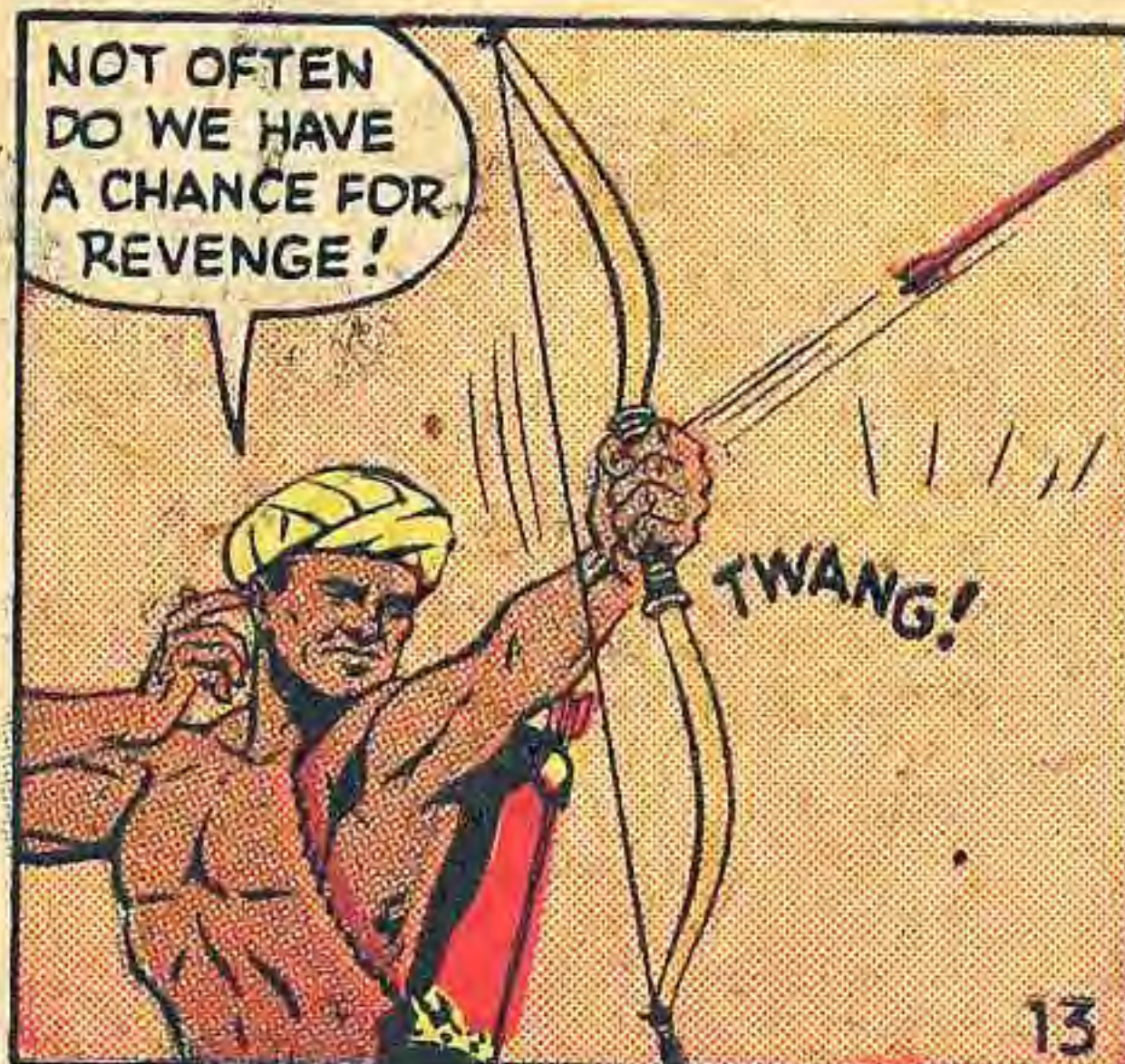
ONLY BLACKHAWK WOULD KNOW TO DO THEES THING!







At the foot of the falls, two natives see...



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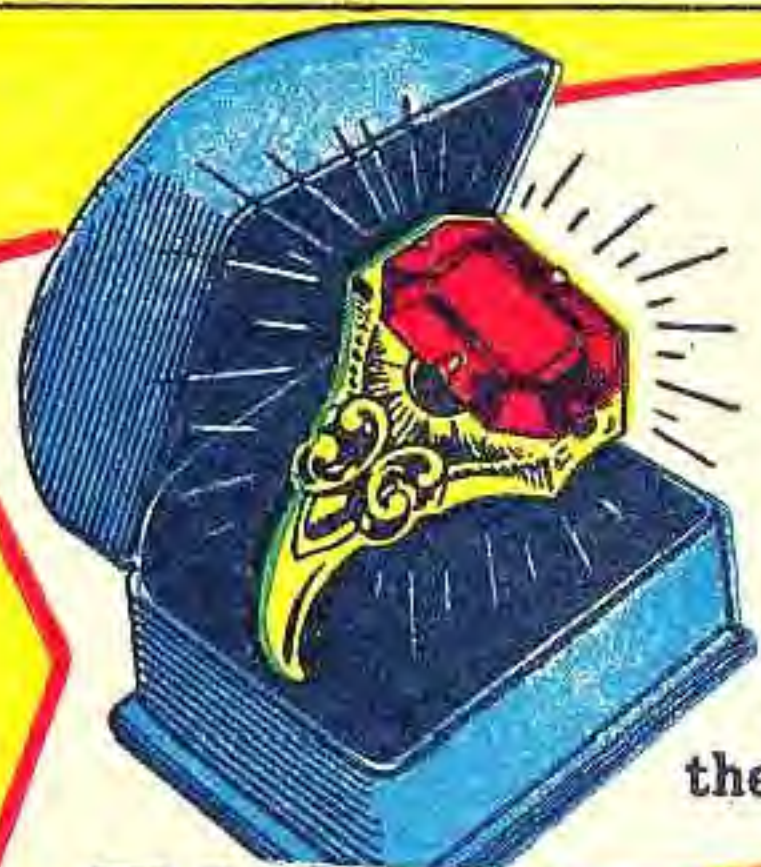
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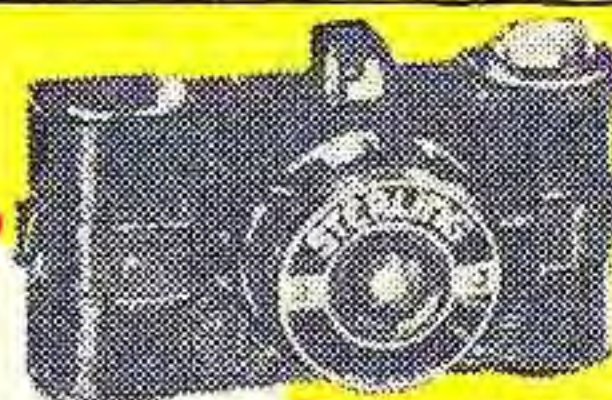
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